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Cowbridge on the Run announces brand new route

(AND ALSO, A NEW WARM-UP ROUTINE!)

by GEM REPORTER

THE Cowbridge on the Run organiser has announced more details of this year's event.

It takes place on Sunday, September 4 at the rugby club, and the aim is to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

Anne Birt, who hopes to see around 150 participants, explained: "This year the run will start at the later time of 11am.

"Walkers will begin at 10.30am with the hope that even those who walk 10k will be back at around the same time as the 10k runners!

"There will be a warm-up led by Emma Thomas of Physique Gym in Brackla.

"The event will again be officially started by Alun Cairns MP."

As usual, there are two runs – 5k and 10k. People can even 'jog-walk' if they're not too fit!

Last year Aberthin was on the route, but not any more.

Anne said: "There will be a slightly different route this year concentrating on Cowbridge and Llanblethian rather than Aberthin as safety is a priority."

There will also be a 'something for everyone' fun day.

Anne is keen to see local companies or organisations, and individuals, taking part.

The entry fee is £15 and people are encouraged to get family and friends to sponsor them. Raising £40 plus is a good target.

For further information, please contact Anne on 07976 646375 or 01446 771020; or by email at: annebirt52@icloud.com.

A-Level delight at the comprehensive school!

Students and staff at the Cowbridge Comprehensive School were celebrating "excellent" A-Level results last Thursday. (Read a full report on the school's success on page 3).

More fly-tipping in Vale

AFTER the clean-up operation at Stalling Down, following its occupation by a group of travellers, a similar case has occurred near Welsh St Donat's.

(FOR THE FULL DETAILS, SEE PAGE 5).

CASH GRANTS GIVEN TO LOCAL COUNCILS

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council is in line for a Vale Council grant of £15,000 – to replace equipment at Twt Park.

At the end of July, the cabinet of the Vale Council approved a number of grants under the Community Action Self Help (CASH) scheme.

Cowbridge had requested £15,000 towards work that will cost in total £30,000, and this was granted.

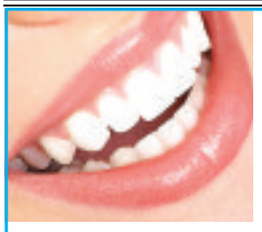
The town council will have to 'match-fund' the grant, and a decision on this is likely to be taken when town council meetings resume in September. The GEM understands that, at present, the council has not had official confirmation of the grant.

The latest round of CASH grants totalled £23,508, so the bulk went to Cowbridge.

Another council to receive a grant was Llanfair Community Council, which received £1,165 towards its Llandough Village Churchyard Restoration Scheme.

Colwinston Community Council received £2,100 towards the restoration of Old Clapper Bridge.

Llancarfan Community Council received £2,700 for further restoration of the St Cadoc's Church Ancient Burial Ground Wall.



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Fair warning over collection changes

I NORMALLY don't intervene when politicians try to score points off each other in The GEM; however, the letter from Richard Bertin (August 18) cannot go unchallenged.

It's not my job to organise waste collections, neither is it his.

Collections are managed by the paid officers of the council, who have to respond to many different demands on them.

Whatever the reason for the recent reorganisation, the most important thing was to let people know of the changes.

Two weeks before the changes were due to be implemented, I received a letter from the council advising me, in the clearest possible terms, what the new collection arrangements would be. I assume that everyone else received similar letters.

On the day of the change, I put out my rubbish and it was collected as per the letter.

In driving through my estate, however, I noticed that at least 50 per cent of the households had not put their rubbish out.

Whilst accepting that some people would be on holiday, it was clear that a lot more householders hadn't bothered to read, or act upon, the letters they were sent.

I don't know what else Mr Bertin wants the council to do – tour the town with loudspeaker vans perhaps?

But to indulge in criticism not backed by evidence is less than professional.

David Kennett,
Barry.

'Confusion' over waste collections

FROM August 1, the council announced changes to the refuse collections through Barry and the rest of the Vale.

This has caused the streets to resemble a rubbish dump. No matter where you go, you see rubbish bags that have been put out on the wrong days, ones that have yet to be picked up, and some having to wait up to three weeks.

So confused, I rang the council to ask why and who is responsible for these changes?

I was told someone more apt to answer my questions would get back to me. There has been no reply, so I spoke to those on the front line – the operatives.

From what I gather, the changes will save money; on asking how that adds up, it seems that management have reduced the number of refuse lorries – so instead of two vehicles doing both sides of a road, they are now using one.

Apparently, the staff from both Barry and Penarth are swapping areas. I'm no whizzkid, but even I can see why the area looks like the dump lately.

Not only are the vehicles reduced and the days have changed, seemingly the staff have, too, and in my opinion the whole concoction won't work.

Their job is a very physically demanding one and will possibly become even more so.

Coupled with all the health and safety measures that govern every workplace, it makes for a very dissatisfied workforce and in the words of one employee: "*Why try and fix it if it's working?*"

T Abery,
Barry.

See Vale Council Leader's column on page 23.

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THE EDITOR WRITES:

A GEM reader's outspoken comments last week on cycling and cyclists prompted a huge reaction, with thousands of bike-lovers taking to our website and social media, some criticising our decision to publish the writer's controversial views. The GEM's defence is that we are proud of our longstanding commitment to providing a democratic platform for civilised debate in a free society, rather than the other alternative – censorship of an individual's opinions that we may not agree with.

BIKES WILL OPEN UP YOUR EYES...

'Complaints about road cycling in the Vale are misguided'

THANK you to Mr Walton for his enlightening letter about cycling in the Vale (The GEM, August 18). I would like to point out a few things, though.

This generation of new cyclists are the people who would have played something more sedentary like golf, or even worse, nothing.

• The figure quoted for NHS savings for a generation of middle aged men/women who are keeping obesity, heart disease, stroke and diabetes at bay is very conservative.

• The children and families of these cyclists are also likely to be inspired to be more active.

• This generation of cyclists are also the same people who challenge themselves and ride huge distances for charity, thus raising millions of pounds for deserving causes around Britain and the world.

I'm pretty sure that even some people in Cowbridge and the Vale need charity, too.

• Cyclists ride two abreast to reduce the length of the line of bikes to pass. I would rather pass 12 cyclists two a breast (approx 20 metre), than 12 single file riders along the beautiful lanes of the Vale.

• Granted that there are some cyclists who are ignorant and think they own the road, and I do think that responsible riders need to educate the rest.

• Using an airfield (boring and not challenging) or a Velodrome (expensive) are not really viable options. We cycle to take in the beauty of the places we visit.

I urge you to cycle around your local area, and I guarantee you will notice things that you have never seen before.

• Cycling hits all three aspects of fitness. We become physically fit through aerobic exercise and we enhance our mental fitness by overcoming adversity and taking on challenges.

Finally, we develop our social fitness by being with friends whilst doing our hobby – cycling together and also stopping for a cuppa and a cake, so we can put the world to right.

This also brings some business to shops and cafes in the Cowbridge and Vale area.

I hope these points help to explain why I think your reader's letter is misguided.

Darren Berry

Some drivers, too, are inconsiderate

THIS is the first time I have been compelled to write a correspondence of this nature. I am a big believer in free speech and everyone's right to an opinion.

You recently published an article by Ian Walton regarding the GB's Olympic track success; I have to say that I am astounded that you actually allowed this ill-informed article to be published.

Have you any regard for the fragile relationship between car and bike users?

I am both a car driver and a bike racer and happily berate cyclists who do not follow the highway code, or act in a manner that is both selfish and inconsiderate of other road users.

However, and it is a 'big however', there are drivers in equal measure who have absolutely no regard, or understanding of the rights of other road users, including cyclists.

Too many times I have been minding my own business on a wide road, only to be driven so closely to that, in one instance, I had my elbow fractured by a car mirror (on the A48).

The article typifies the attitude Vale 'gentry' have towards others, where a few seconds delay on their journey amounts to a crime akin to that of murder. Do they not realise that cars can kill?!

Leon Pesticcio.

'Outlandish views'

I MUST write to congratulate Mr Ian Walton of Rhoose, for his GEM letter of August 18 on cycling and cyclists: I must admit not to have heard of him before.

Does he write sitcom, or is he a stand-up comedian? He really had me fooled with his outlandish suggestions for cyclists on our highways. I could only laugh at such ridiculous views.

John Sanders,
Pencoed.

(SEE MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 26) .

Sully plan will not 'invigorate'

FURTHER to your recent story headed '*Critics hit at a Sully plan to transform Sports Club'*, I write to make the following observations:

1. The club state the scheme "has been backed by local sports, leisure and community groups".

As it is the Sully Sports and Social Club, presumably its sports arm is the 'local sports group', and its social arm is the 'local leisure group'!

However, I am puzzled by which local community group has backed this scheme, which has otherwise received widespread disapproval and condemnation throughout Sully!

2. The club state they have received 800 letters backing the project, later in your article, the project director of Modwen states: "the club has over 2,000 active members".

Basic arithmetic, therefore, shows that the majority of the club's own members (1,200), are against the proposal, indifferent, or not "active" enough to put pen to paper to support it!

3. The club chairman states that the proposal will "invigorate" the surrounding area.

It will certainly not "invigorate" the Sully residents whose gardens currently back directly onto the playing field, which will become a building site if this proposal goes ahead!

4. At a village meeting, the problem of dust pollution, arising from the construction work was raised.

A member of the Sully club said the dust would be contained "by fencing it in"!

Sully has an ageing population, many of whom suffer from chest problems, and the prospect of living with billowing clouds of construction dust blowing around will certainly not "invigorate" the residents of this seaside village!

Arthur Whitfield,
Sully.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL CAFE

I WOULD like to thank the proprietor and staff at Romilly's Cafe on The Knap for returning my wallet, which I lost on a visit for coffee and cake with my wife, grand-daughter and great-grandson.

As much as I tried to reward them for its return, they refused to accept anything.

Apart from the return of my cash and credit cards, it was of great sentimental value.

It was a Cardiff City Ambassador Wallet – something that I was given as one of the first season ticket holders when the Bluebirds moved from Ninian Park to the Cardiff City Stadium.

I had already checked and found that they were no longer in production, so I was delighted to be reunited with it.

Many thanks to Romilly's Cafe!

Mr B Vilday
Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
25 Thur			12.16	8.8
26 Fri	00.49	8.6	13.23	8.3
27 Sat	02.04	8.2	14.44	8.1
28 Sun	03.31	8.2	16.11	8.3
29 Mon	04.49	8.4	17.17	8.8
30 Tues	05.51	8.9	18.12	9.3
31 Wed	06.35	9.5	18.57	9.7
01 Thur	07.17	9.6	19.37	9.9

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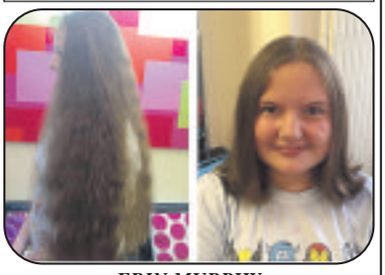

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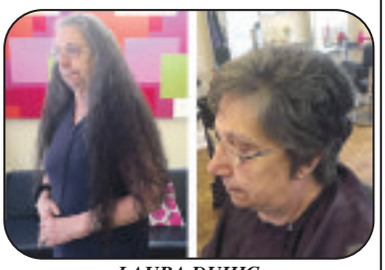


LAURA DUHIG

The ladies with their shorn tresses ready for donation.

LAURA DUHIG, of Cowbridge, and her granddaughter Erin Murphy, had their tresses cut last week – and all for a good cause.

Their long locks – Laura had been growing her hair for 17 years and Erin, 13, had never had her hair cut short – were donated to the Little Princess Trust. This charity gives real-hair wigs to boys and girls throughout the UK and Ireland who have lost their hair because of cancer treatment.

Janet Morgan, of Morgan's Hair Salon in Cowbridge, where the two ladies had their hair cut, said: "My mother, also a hairdresser, went to school with Laura and my daughter goes to school with Erin. Well done to both ladies!"

School's head is 'delighted' at Cowbridge A-Level results

IT was more of the same at Cowbridge Comprehensive School this year, with the staff and students celebrating "excellent" A-Level results.

The school's headteacher, Mrs Thomas, said: "We are delighted with the performance of our sixth form students!

"Their success is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of a fantastic team of staff and young people, working together to achieve the best outcomes.

"The A-level results mark yet another year of excellent academic and personal success, with an overall A Level pass rate of 99.5 per cent.

"Over 60 per cent of students have received A-Level results one or two grades above their predictions, illustrating that the value added to the education of students studying in the sixth form is very noteworthy.

"The results include many wonderful individual achievements with significantly high numbers of students (over 28 per cent) achieving the top A*/A grades, which bucks the national trend and is higher than the national average this year of 22.7 per cent.

"We have also high numbers of students (60 per cent) achieving the top A*, A and B grades meaning that they are all well placed to compete for the top places in university, higher education, and the world of work."

Mrs Thomas continued: "We are thrilled with the excellent success of our students. We are delighted so many young people have achieved and exceeded their potential, securing their first choices at a wide range of prestigious universities, including Oxbridge.

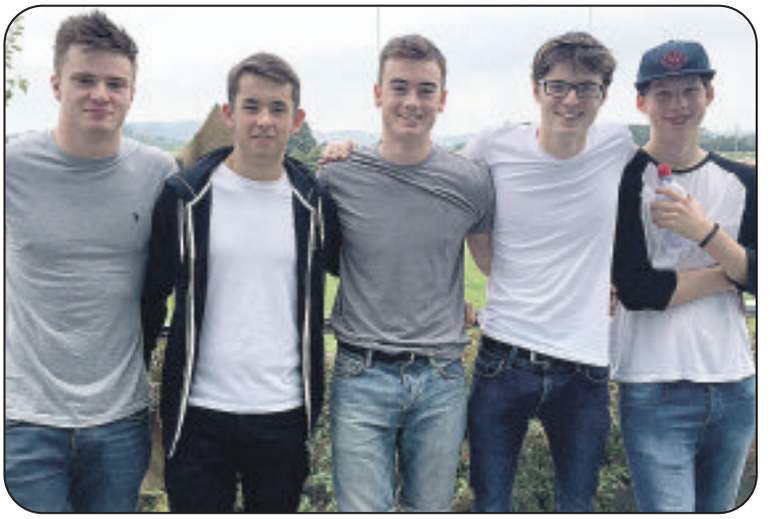
"A well-deserved tribute to the hard work of the students and their teachers, supported by parents."

"We wish to congratulate all our students on their fabulous achievements and wish them all the very best as they take up their places at university, employment or begin their gap year.

"Some of our top performing young people achieved the following A-Level results:

Isobel Acy – A, A, A: Megan Brown – A*, A, A;*

Joseph Bunt – A, A, A; Max Croucher – A, A, A; Sian Dimblebee – A, A, A; Molly Groves – A*, A*, A; Luke John – A, A, A; Adam Jones – A*, A*, A, Thomas Kennedy – A*, A, A; Alex Love – A*, A, A; Scott Palmer – A, A, A; Nia Price – A*,A*,A; Klara Radman-Daw – A*, A, A; Nicholas Rees – A, A, A; Timothy Roderick – A*, A, A; Ellis Rosser – A*, A, A; Emme Srinivas – A, A, A; Matthew Upcott – A* ,A, A; Abigail Walker – A, A, A,"*



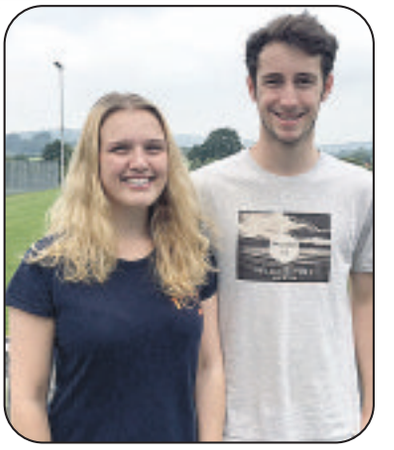
U3A meets up with the AM at Eisteddfod

MEMBERS of Cowbridge U3A recently visited the National Eisteddfod and met Vale AM, Jane Hutt.

She said: "I was delighted to visit the U3A stand at the National Eisteddfod in Abergavenny, to find that my visit coincided with the Cowbridge U3A team of members who were also there for the day.

"The Eisteddfod provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of the work of organisations like U3A with the thousands of visitors who may be interested in finding out about their nearest group.

"The opportunity to *'siarad gymreig'* adds to the enjoyment with Welsh learners like myself meeting my constituents in different contexts."



SOCIAL BINGO EVENT

DESPITE the imminence of the school holidays, there was quite a good turn-out at the last social bingo meeting in Cowbridge.

The main raffle prize was a lunch for two, generously presented by Hugo, manager of the celebrated Market Place restaurant in the town.

Appropriately, it was won by Sylvie, Queen of Cuisine, who with her ladies, prepares the sumptuous buffet at our meeting.

She and her husband have been promised a rapturous welcome by Maria, the Brazilian Bombshell, who will also tenderly guide them through the extensive menu. We all expect an excellent report!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 1, at 7.30 pm in the Lesser hall at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Please turn up in force, not forgetting your bottle of wine and bingo dabber!

We look forward to seeing you there.

BASIL WATKINS

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Cowbridge Male Voice Choir.

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir returns from its summer break on August 31 refreshed and looking forward to returning to Littleworth, near Farringdon, and Clanfield, both in Oxfordshire where the choir has been warmly received in the past.

The first concert will be in Farringdon on September 10.

The choir, apart from continuing to fine tune its current repertoire, will be learning new pieces with a view to performing these at their 2017 annual concert.

Gentlemen (young and not so young), if you are interested in joining a male voice choir, why not come along to Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings?

You will not only find a warm welcome from choir members but also, according to proven medical research, being a member of a male voice choir will improve your health and general well-being!

If you are unsure about joining the choir, why not just come along to a rehearsal and see what being a member entails.

If you have never sung in a choir before it is not necessary for you to be able to read music as our music team will give you the help and guidance required to ensure you enjoy the choir.

In addition, a mentor will be assigned to you in order to give you any further help or assistance you may require and to ease you into the choir.

It is important that not only Cowbridge Male Voice Choir continues to flourish, but also that the great Welsh choral tradition of male voice singing is maintained for future generations.

If you are interested in joining the choir and would like further information, please contact our chairman, Leon Fear 01656 856034 or secretary Frank Maynard on 01446 772454.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Treoes activities

ON Sunday, August 28, a service will take place at Saron Chapel at 3pm, conducted by Rev Alwyn Evans.

All those wishing to attend will be assured of a warm welcome.

TREOES harvest celebrations take place on Sunday, September 4 – welcome to the 2016 Treoes harvest show!

All entries will be welcome at the community hall. On Sunday, September 4 from 12.30pm to 2pm, the hall will be closed from 2pm to 4.30pm for judging to take place.

Show presentation and auction will follow in the hall from 4.30pm. Free entry for all classes.

All homemade, home-grown entries will be auctioned after the judging to raise funds for Treoes allotments and Saron Chapel.

Harvest festival service

THIS year's service at Saron chapel will be held a week after the show on Sunday, September 11 at 3pm.

This will possibly be the final service before the chapel is closed for the long-awaited restoration work. More details at a later date.

For further information, please contact Nadia (07825 100271) or Bran (07857 606320).

Reminder

SADLY, this year's St Mary Hill church harvest service and lunch will take place on the same day as the Treoes hall celebrations.

Well done all!

I AM sure readers of my column will join in my congratulations to all our representatives who took part in the Olympic Games, whether a medal was won or not.

Everyone gave their best.

Showstoppers

NEARER home, the Naylor family of Ty Mawr, Llangan had cause to celebrate: at the Vale Show when Tom Naylor won the under-16 class and tom's sister Kate, won in the pet lamb class.

Wartime ace's world famous poem is commemorated at ceremony in the Vale

AN inspirational poem called High Flight, written at RAF Llandow by John Gillespie Magee Jr, was recited in a very special way on its 75th anniversary.

At 12 noon on Thursday, August 18, people gathered at MoD St Athan, and by permission of the commanding officer it was recited simultaneously at locations all over the world, including China, Canada, USA, Australia, the Nether-lands, and, of course, St Athan.

Magee served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His poem, composed in 1941, has had a special place in the hearts of aviators and astronauts ever since.

It is the official poem of the Royal Canadian Air Force and its inspiring lines are carved on memorials across the globe.

In the poem 19-year-old Magee – who trained at No. 53 OTU at Llandow – coined the phrase "to touch the face of God".

He was born in China to an American father and English mother, who were Anglican missionaries, and attended Rugby School, where he won the poetry prize. Rupert Brooke had won the same prize 34 years earlier.

Pilot Officer Magee died three months after writing the poem, in a mid-air collision near Lincoln. He was buried at Scopwick Cemetery in Lincolnshire and the first and last lines of the poem – 'Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth...Put out my hand, and touched the face of God' – are inscribed on his gravestone.

Among those attending the ceremony at St Athan were his surviving brother, Reverend Cannon Hugh Magee, the man who inspired the event, Dr Jay Pinto, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Colin Jones, officers representing the Royal Air Force, as well as veterans.

Group Captain Wilfred A Curtis presenting pilot's wings to Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, -- and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of --Wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew --
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Who remembers the faith healer at Llanblethian?

CAN anyone shed light on an enquiry Cowbridge History Society has received?

After checking the archives in the History Room in Old Hall we have uncovered nothing, ***a spokesperson writes.***

We went to see a wonderful play by Brian Friel called *Faith Healer* and guess what... there were several mentions of Llanblethian!

It was regarding a key incident in the play when a faith healer is alleged to have 'cured' 10 people on a visit to a church or chapel hall in Llanblethian, as reported in the local press.

I imagine that Brian Friel did not make this up, but based the play on an actual newspaper report, probably just before or just after World War Two.

Do you know anything about this? It was certainly most uncanny hearing 'Llanblethian' mentioned several times in a West End theatre by the cast, which included Gina McKee.

If anyone has any knowledge or recollections of the above event please get in touch with Dick Tonkin, Honorary Secretary of Cowbridge History Society on 01446 772704, or via chsoc@hotmail. co.uk.

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Resident's disgust as fly-tipped rubbish disfigures lane for almost three weeks

The fly tipped rubbish includes foliage, a mattress and furniture.

A security camera overlooks the area where the rubbish was dumped.

A Vale resident has highlighted illegal fly-tipped rubbish in a lane north-east of Cowbridge.

The resident pointed out that there is a security camera overlooking the area and hopes the Vale Council might be able to track down those responsible.

The rubbish, a mixture of foliage and furniture, was tipped at the entrance to Hensol Forest off the lane which runs from Hangman's Corner to Welsh St Donats.

The resident said it had been there between two and three weeks.

The GEM passed the information on to the council, so it could effect a tidy-up of the area and investigate how it happened.

It is only two weeks since the council announced that it had been hit with a £4,400 clear-up charge after travellers had occupied Stalling Down.

The Vale Council said at the time that "many tons" had been removed.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible and regulatory services, said that people could inform the Vale Council of fly-tipped rubbish on the council website:

"We are investigating issues of fly-tipping in the Welsh St. Donats area and will be looking at any evidence available, to bring action against any offenders.

"Fly-tipping is anti-social blight on our landscape and we would like to remind offenders that the penalty for fly-tipping can reach up to a £50,000 fine or twelve months' imprisonment.

"Instances of fly-tipping can be reported on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website."

The council says it does not have a security camera in the area.

All aboard for the mystery coach trip!

BONT FAEN WI NEWS

IT'S August, so it's time for the famous Bont Faen WI mystery trip!

Sue and Jane looked downcast as we set off in the rain heading west into more rain. However, the spirits were high on the coach as we anticipated the day.

An hour later, the sun was shining and not long after we arrived at our first stop, the Gwili Railway, which is run by volunteers.

After refreshments of a hot drink and Bara Brith we climbed aboard and headed up the line. During this stop some were allowed to sound the hooter then we headed back further down the line.

Here we could go on a miniature railway as well as seeing a replica of the mail carriage attacked during the Great Train Robbery.

Back at the station, some members had a go at changing the points by pulling levers.

Leaving the railway, we headed to Llandeilo for lunch. This gave us a chance to split into small groups to explore and find a good eating place.

After lunch, we went to Dynevor Castle. The castle itself is a ruin but in the grounds is Newton House and you could walk around or go on various guided tours.

We then made our way back to Cowbridge.

An excellent day, and grateful thanks to Sue and Jane for organising it (a boat last year, train this year, plane next year?).

Diana Bluck, our lucky winner of the Denman Bursary last year went on a course of Middle Eastern cookery and enjoyed the whole experience.

Our social is on September 10, when some of us are going to a Saturday cookery school at Llanerch Vineyard and our monthly meeting is on September 15, with a demonstration of self-defence for women.

MARGARET PRICE

All in a good cause!

EVERY now and again, a new charity challenge comes along.

Whether the 'calendar girls' approach or last year's ice-bucket challenge, the effort people make to help others seems boundless.

Getting the headlines at the moment are the selfless citizens losing their locks for charity. Among these is local businesswoman, Amanda Edwards of Happy Jakes touring park, who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer and, to raise money for the cancer unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, she'll have her head shaved.

On the night she will have her head shaved, along with another person, and her husband Mark, if persuaded by donations on the night, will have his chest waxed.

The fundraiser, at the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone on August 28, starts at 5pm with a barbecue, a quiz, a WI bowling tourney and adults and children's darts contests.

If any local businesses want to donate a raffle prize, please drop it off at The Victoria Inn before August 27, or contact Amanda on 01446 750174 or Beryl at the Victoria Inn on 01446 773943.

There will also be a raffle, with prizes including a four-player round of golf at the Vale Resort and a selection of ice creams from Sidoli's.

Drills and skills for the Llantwit pupils!

LAST month, pupils in years 7 to 10 of Llantwit Major School carried out a two day expedition with the Motivational Preparation College for Training (MPCT) at their Rhymney training centre.

Pupils used and improved skills such as teamwork, communication, body strength and coordination.

Some of the activities pupils took part in were: obstacle course – this required teamwork to overcome obstacles such as the 10 foot wall, six foot wall and monkey bars; ration cooking – they cooked and ate ration packs (all day breakfast was the best); gun run – they had to disassemble and reassemble a field gun; tug of war – possibly the longest tug of war ever seen; orienteering – classroom-based theory followed by team orienteering challenge in the field.

All pupils involved were awarded with a certificate from MPCT and a trophy sponsored by the Lions.

Barry lifeboat rescues yacht's 'seasick' crew in the Bristol Channel

BARRY Dock RNLI lifeboat was called out to rescue a seasick crew aboard a yacht on Friday night.

A yacht was lost in poor weather conditions in the Bristol Channel with the crew suffering from seasickness, and the Barry lifeboat volunteers headed out to help them at 10.30pm.

They used radio direction finding and radar equipment to track the yacht's location down to Birnbeck Island, Western-Super-Mare.

The weather was deteriorating with winds of 40 knots and waves 2.5 metres high.

A crew member went aboard the yacht to tend to the casualties, and then steer the yacht, which was taken under tow to Cardiff barrage.

The lifeboat and yacht reached Cardiff Barrage at 1.20am, where they were met by Penarth Coastguards and paramedics.

The Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat and her crew returned to Barry at 2.20am.

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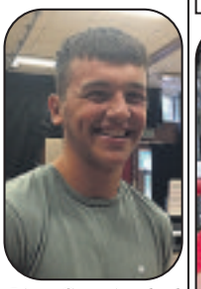
Ysgol Llanhari pupils beat the 2015 results

Ieuan Leigh (2A 1 B) and Rhianydd Reynolds (1A 2 A)are both going to study at Cardiff University.*

Owain Ellis (1A 2 A) will study medicine at Bristol, Megan Thomas (BBC) will read civil engineering at Loughborough and Ffion Bennett (1A* A B) is to study medicine at Cardiff.*



Liam Greening had one A grade and two distinctions in his BTEC. He starts an apprenticeship with Urdd Gobaith Cymru Sports in September.

Emerald Hughes (1A 2 B) and Dewi John (1A 3 B) .*

*Gwynfor Dafydd had 3 A*s in Spanish, Welsh and politics and will study Medieval and modern foreign languages at Cambridge University.*

THERE was a great deal of satisfaction on A-Level results day at Ysgol Llanhari.

A school spokeswoman reported: "Pupils, staff and parents were celebrating after an excellent set of A-Level results, where 100 per cent of the pupils passed A-Levels in two or more subjects, improving again on last year's results.

"Twenty-five per cent of grades gained were A* and A, and we are delighted that 72 per cent of all grades were A*– C grades. We are very pleased that all pupils have achieved their potential and that their hard work has been rewarded.

"Pupils have excelled in the traditional academic subjects as well as in vocational qualifications. Congratulations to all and we wish the pupils every success in the future as they embark on careers, or further their education at universities and colleges far and wide."

St Athan women 'brave the shave' for Macmillan

Sharon Jenkins from Chez Sharon gets to work on Barbel.

Stephanie Pickett (left) and Barbel Merilaht before the 'short back and sides'. (All photos by Bethan Rogers.)

GEM readers may recall that last week, two local women announced that they were going to 'brave the shave' in St Athan on Sunday (August 21).

Stephanie Pickett and Barbel Merilaht, who both work in St Athan's Londis store, went ahead on the day, and received amazing support from the community!

Steph told The GEM: "Our brave the shave on Sunday went well, we were lucky to catch what seemed to be the only dry spell St Athan had all day!

"We held a bake sale as well, and a nice crowd had gathered by 1.30pm. Sharon Jenkins from Chez Sharon in St Athan wielded the clippers. Barbel went first and I was second.

"The donation pot will be staying by the till in store for a few more days, but the current total raised is £1622.56!

"Thanks for running our story; many customers have commented that they saw us in last week's issue."

Donations can also be made online at https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/stephanie-pickett/

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Bont Faen WI outing to the Gwili railway

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MARGARET PRICE

Neil rides the 'Tour de Pudsey'!

NEIL DAVIES from Maesteg, together with 59 work colleagues, will be riding the 'Tour de Pudsey' in September with the ambition of raising £150,000 for BBC Children in Need.

Neil expects to cycle more than 300 miles from Cardiff to the town of Pudsey in Yorkshire in three and a half days.

He is no stranger to raising money for BBC Children in Need on his bike, having spent a day last year on an exercise bike in the Lloyds Bank branch where he works. Since completing that challenge the Tour de Pudsey seemed like the logical next step – and he has stepped up his training around the south Wales mountains to get himself ready.

Neil said: "I have been a keen cyclist for many years now but even so, the thought of some of the hills we will be climbing en route to Pudsey is quite intimidating. I am going to focus on the impact that our fundraising will have on BBC Children in Need to help motivate our team to complete the challenge together."

Go to the The GEM for the latest stories and breaking news...
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PETANQUE TOURNEY THIS SUNDAY

AN open petanque competition will be held at the Fred Dunn Athletic Ground Cowbridge, on Bank Holiday Sunday, August 28.

Entries are open to teams of three players each for a 2pm start.

Recent years have seen a Cowbridge contingent – mainly from The Edmondes Arms to take part in the annual Ruth Watts Shield.

As a result, it was mooted that perhaps a return event should be staged in Cowbridge.

That time has arrived – inspired by former Llancarfan parishioners, the 87-year-old Phil Watts, his son Russ Watts and Llanbethery stalwart, Trevor Morgan, the Edmondes Arms landlord.

A new trophy has been donated with a view to holding an annual event in Cowbridge – 'The Edmondes Arms (est. 1899) Watts & Morgan Petanque Challenge'.

For further information, contact Russ Watts on 07779 157407 or email russ.watts@btopenworld.com.

Or simply roll up on Sunday with your teams of three players.

RPW

Llantwit Major Horticultural Society show results

WHAT a gardening year for gardeners, we had (WWW), wet and windy weather.

When seeds germinated they were washed away, those germinated soon became dry and withered in the wind.

Those seedlings and plants that survived became subject to slugs and snails, yet the members of the society, the people of Llantwit Major, and the surrounding villages produced exhibits that would grace any show bench.

On the evening of August 19, committee members and society members prepared the leisure centre ready for the placing of exhibits on the tables.

At 8.30am exhibitors came and carefully set up their exhibits. Now Llantwit Major had a show.

By 10:45am the number of exhibits was 187 from 30 exhibitors, nine of whom were new to exhibiting – and what good exhibits they and all the other exhibitors' exhibits were!

So good that the judges Mr D Barry, and Mr G Evans praised the high standard of exhibits, despite the terrible growing season we had. Praise indeed.

Of particular interest in the vegetable section were the excellent cabbages, leeks and elephant garlic displayed.

In the fruit section the apples were first class. It was a wonderful sight to see two dishes of figs, dishes not seen in previous shows. There were clean, fresh flowers and pot plants. Good examples of types of dahlia and gladioli that caught the eye. The pleasant and attractive arrangements were highlighted by the 'best in show' of an arrangement of fresh garden flowers and foliage.

Mrs S Sargeant was very pleased with the standard of exhibits in the home baking, preserves and home brewing. It proved difficult to judge some exhibits, as a point either way decided winners. There was a large number of exhibits, so many that it took from 11am to 1pm to judge.

All the judges found it difficult at times to distinguish between exhibits, so close was the marking. Points won and lost in all sections decided trophy winners.

It was encouraging that many of the first time exhibitors at this show, who were a little nervous in showing, competed in sections other than the novice section and acquitted themselves well.

Well done to you all. I and the society look forward to you exhibiting again next year, for without your support the show would be less of an attraction.

Best In Show was a display of fresh flowers and foliage by Mrs Chris Jones.

Best decorative and winner in the decorative section was by Mrs Chris Jones

Best novice exhibitor, Mrs Elizabeth Rees.

Best fruit exhibit was a dish of apples from Mrs Elizabeth Rees.

Best flowers was a vase of Pom Pom Dahlias from Mr Albert Payne.

Best kept allotment, for a very well maintained allotment throughout the past year were Mr and Mrs Tucker.

In helping to make the show a success, Mrs L Evans gave a bridal flower arranging demonstration, along with a homemade card stall and a stall with honey and sauces.

Prizes were presented by Mr David Hayden of Harris Pye Engineering, who generously sponsored the show.

Thanks go to all exhibitors, volunteers on the day of the show, committee members, seed companies, local shops, Filco Foods, Nickleby's book shop, Feed and Seed, that gave raffle prizes. Without their help and support a show cannot exist.

ALBERT W PAYNE
Show secretary

Awards and Trophy Winners

Bill Webb Shield, Best exhibit in show: Chris Jones.

Town Council Cup, exhibitor with most points in show: Allan Davies.

DT Brown Cup, exhibitor with most entries: Albert Payne.

EA Lloyd Cup, Class 21 six vegetables: Elizabeth Rees.

Keith and Jean Powell Shield, best fruit exhibit in classes 23-28: Elizabeth Rees.

Society Rose Bowl, best flower exhibit: Albert Payne.

Society Cup, best vegetable exhibit: Tim Prior.

Society Trophy, Class 41 hanging basket: Albert Payne.

W Deere Memorial Trophy, exhibitor most points – decorative: Chris Jones.

Chamber of Trade Plaque, Class 39, best exhibit sweet peas: Rhys Pugh.

Show Secretary's Shield, Class 3, best exhibit – dish of runner beans: Andy Wellsbury.

DT Brown Cup, Class 13, best exhibit – dish of five tomatoes: Sheila Lee.

RHS Banksian Medal, most money classes 1 – 47: Andy Wellsbury.

National Vegetable Society Silver Medal, best exhibit – vegetable: Tim Prior.

Pamela Bean Memorial Trophy, Class 62 exhibit of flowers and foliage: Chris Jones.

Pamela King Novice Chalice, most points awarded – novice class: Elizabeth Rees.

Eleanor Lloyd Memorial Trophy, best kept allotment: Mr and Mrs Tucker.

Llantwit Major First Independent Councillors' Cup, most points in section 7: Chris Jones.

Top Vase, first: Noelle Fee, second: Barbara Payne.

Top Tray, first: Allan Davies.

Vegetables and fruit

1. Dish of three potatoes, coloured: first, Sheila Lee; second, Alison Leach.

2. Dish of three potatoes,white: first, Elizabeth Rees; second, Allan Davies.

4. Two cabbages: first, Tim Prior; second, Allan Davies.

3. Dish of runner beans: Andy Wellsbury; second, Dave Martin; third, Janice Simmonite.

5. Five onions, not to exceed 8oz (233gm): first, Tim Prior; second, Ken Jones; third, Allan Davies.

6. Three onions dressed: first, Alison Leach; second, Ken Jones; third, Albert Payne.

7. Three onions as grown: first, Ken Jones; second, Albert Payne; third, Andy Wellsbury.

10. Three carrots, taper: first, Andy Wellsbury.

11. Three carrots, long: first, Andy Wellsbury.

12. Three beetroots, round: first, Tim Prior; second, Andy Wellsbury.

13. Dish of five tomatoes: first, Sheila Lee; second, Ken Jones.

14. Dish of five fruited and cherry tomatoes: first, Alison Leach; second, Allan Davies; third, Dave Martin.

15. Brace of cucumbers: first, Albert Payne; second, Cath Thomas; third, Andy Wellsbury.

17. Two leeks: first, Allan Davies.

18. Two heads of lettuce: first, Andy Wellsbury.

19. Two heads of cauliflower: first, Allan Davies.

20. Collection of salad vegetables: first, Allan Davies; second, Andy Wellsbury.

21. Collection of six kinds of vegetables: first, Elizabeth Rees; second, Allan Davies; third, Andy Wellsbury.

22. Any other vegetable not mentioned: first, Tim Prior; second, Cath Thomas; third, Andy Wellsbury.

23. Dish of soft fruit: first, Andy Wellsbury.

24. Dish of four stone fruit: first, Elizabeth Rees.

25. Dish of culinary apples: first, Janice Simmonite.

26. Dish of dessert apples: first, Elizabeth Rees; second, Janice Simmonite.

28. Any other fruit not mentioned: first, Elizabeth Rees; second, Albert Payne; third, Heather Marsh.

Flowers and Pot Plants

29. Vase of cut flowers: first, Janice Simmonite; second, Chris Jones; third, Barbara Payne.

32. Vase of three dahlias, decorative: first, Janice Simmonite; second, Cath Thomas; third, Albert Payne.

33. Vase of three dahlias, cactus: first, Cath Thomas; second, Noelle Fee; third, Albert Payne.

34. Vase of 4 – 6 dahlias, Pom Pom: first, Albert Payne; second, Barbara Payne.

35. Vase of 2 – 3 stems of HT roses: first, Chris Jones; second, Albert Payne.

36. Vase of 2 – 3 stems of Floribunda roses: first, Albert Payne; second, Lynn Gibson; third, Janice Simmonite.

37. Vase of three spikes of gladiola: first, Ken Jones; second, Andy Wellsbury.

38. One single spike of gladiola: first, Barbara Payne; second, Chris Jones; third, Ken Jones.

39. Collection of 6 – 9 sweet peas: first, Rhys Pugh; second, Noelle Fee; third, Albert Payne.

40. Vase of three stems carnations: first, Chris Jones; second, Ken Jones.

41.One hanging basket: first, Albert Payne; second, Janice Simmonite.

42. A planted basket, three plants minimum: first, Barbara Payne; second, Albert Payne.

44. One pot plant in flower: first, Barbara Payne; second, Janice Simmonite; third, Albert Payne.

45. One fuchsia in 10" max pot: first, Noelle Fee.

46. One pot of cactus/succulent: first, Barbara Payne; second, Albert Payne.

47. One foliage pot plant: first, Lynn Gibson; second, Barbara Payne; third, Noelle Fee.

74. Top vase: first, Noelle Fee; second, Barbara Payne; third, Chris Jones.

Best exhibit, flower – Class 34: Albert Payne (Pom Pom dahlias).

Giants

48. Heaviest onion: Allan Davies.

49. Heaviest marrow: Allan Davies.

50. Longest runner bean: Allan Davies.

51. Heaviest cucumber: Allan Davies.

Best exhibit, vegetable: Tim Prior.

Best exhibit, fruit – classes 23 – 28: Elizabeth Rees.

Exhibitor with most points in sections1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 as a total: Allan Davies.

Exhibitor with most entries in show: Mr Albert Payne.

Best exhibit in show: Chris Jones.

Best novice exhibit: Elizabeth Rees.

Novices

55. Dish of three potatoes: first, Elizabeth Rees.

57. Vase of cut flowers: first, Elizabeth Rees; second, Lynn Gibson.

59. Vase of three stems roses: first, Lynn Gibson.

Best novice exhibitor: Elizabeth Rees.

Decorative floral arrangements

61. Miniature exhibit of garden flowers and foliage over 4" but not less than 9", no accessories/decoration: first, Chris Jones; second, Julia Jenking; third, Noelle Fee.

62. Exhibit using fresh garden flowers and foliage only, decoration allowed: first, Chris Jones; second, Noelle Fee.

63. Exhibit of fresh garden foliage only: first, Julia Jenking; second, Chris Jones; third, Noelle Fee.

64. A basket of fresh garden flowers and foliage, handle to be seen, no decoration allowed: first, Chris Jones.

65. A dried flower arrangement, table space 30"/760mm square, 36"/915mm high: first, Julia Jenking; second, Barbara Payne; third, Teresa Goodwin.

Exhibitor most points in section 5: Chris Jones

Home baking, Preserves, Brews

75. Boiled fruit cake: first, Lynn Gibson; second, Eleanor MacNamara; third, Annabel Aspinall and Albert Payne.

76. Banana cake: first, Albert Payne; second, Chris Jones; third, Tina Louise Baxter.

77. Victoria Sandwich: first, Liz Rees; second, Cath Thomas; third, Bill Aspinall.

78. Bread pudding: first, Albert Payne; second, Chris Jones.

82a. Jar of chutney: first, Annabel Aspinall; second, Chris Jones; third, Alison Leach.

82b. Jar of marmalade: third, Dave Martin.

82c. Jar of jam: first, Rhys Pugh; second, Chris Jones; third, Liz Rees.

82d. Jar of jelly: first, Rhys Pugh; second and third, Barbara Payne.

83. A bottle of homemade wine/ liquor/beer/cordial: first, Tim Fowler; second, Annabel Aspinall; third, Bill Aspinall.

New exhibitor Tim Prior with the winning cabbage, 'Red Flair'. All photographs by Heather March.

Allan Davies is presented with the Town Council Cup by show sponsors Harris Pye.

Chris Jones receives the Bill Webb Shield.

This floral arrangement (by Chris Jones) won 'best in show'.

DINAS POWYS VILLAGE SHOW COUNTDOWN

THE popular Dinas Powys village show will take place on Saturday, September 3, at the Parish and Lee Halls.

Attractions in the gardens include Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven Brass Band and the bouncy castle. Women's Institute cakes and teas will be served in Lee Hall; there will be two Punch and Judy shows and the model train and Meccano exhibits.

Also, free face painting and balloon modelling, community stalls and Fairtrade.

100 CLASSES

The hall will be filled with entries in all 100+ classes in the show schedule (still available from many outlets in the village and Penarth library).

Last year, the show successfully launched a revised edition of the 'Around Old Dinas Powys' booklet at £3.50. These will be on sale again this year.

Adult entry at 50p; children under-16 admitted free. Doors open at 1.45pm. For more details, contact Val Hartrey on 029 2051 3274, or valhartrey@talktalk.net

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Excellent A-Level results at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

William Rees from Michaelston le Pit.

Owen Gibbons from Sully (BTEC Science Pass, Sociology C, Welsh Bacc A); Jordan Stavrakis from Penarth - BTEC Music Distinction, Physics A, Maths A, Welsh Bacc A); Ben Popham from Penarth - Biology A*, Maths A*, Chemistry A, AS Physics A, Welsh Bacc A*); Rhys Preston from Penarth (Art A*, Design & Technology A); James Neill from Penarth - English C, Design & Technology D, AS Business C, Welsh Bacc B).*

Cai Owen from Cowbridge (History A, Geography B, French C. Welsh Bacc A); Iwan Baker from Rhoose (Maths B, Biology B, AS Chemistry C, AS Physics C, Welsh Bacc A); and Harri Williams from Barry (Biology A*, Physics A, Maths A, AS Chemistry B, Welsh Bacc A).*

Pupils, parents and teachers of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry are celebrating excellent A-Level examination results, with the school recording a pass rate of 100 per cent for pupils gaining an E grade or above in two or more subjects (an increase of two per cent over last year).

A total of 84 per cent of all entries were graded at A* - C which was the same last year's performance.

However 60.3 per cent of the grades were A* - B (an increase of 0.3 per cent) and 27.2 per cent of all grades were A* or A.

Headteacher Hywel Price, said: "We take pride in the success of all pupils who have reached their potential and have worked so tirelessly to achieve what they deserve.

"The Welsh Baccalaureate is a particular strength of the school, with all pupils benefitting from refining a wide variety of skills. 100 per cent of pupils gained A* - C grades, with 68 per cent gaining A* - A grades and 91 per cent A* - B grades.

Dominic Gilberts from Barry (Maths A, Physics B, Chemistry D, Welsh Bacc A) and Rhian Bumford, also from Barry (RE B, History B, French E, Welsh Bacc A*).*

"All 10 BTEC grades were graded at Distinction* to pass grades.

"I wish to congratulate all pupils on their results and in particular Ben Popham, the head boy, for gaining 2 A* and 2 A grades, thus gaining entry to Cambridge University to study medicine.

"Dafydd Foster Davies gained four A grades to study philosophy at Oxford University and Rhiannon Berry, also with four A grades, who will study a biomedical degree at Durham.

"Teilo Evans excelled with one A* and three A grades, and I wish to make a personal reference to William Rees, a truly inspirational young man who has overcome so many traumatic experiences and gained an A* and two A grades.

"Congratulations to all the pupils and staff and we wish all pupils every success in the future. Well done!"

Ben Popham.

Bethan O'Sullivan from Barry (Biology B, Chemistry C, Maths C, AS Physics D, Welsh Bacc. A) and Keelan Jones from Dinas Powys (Biology A, Maths B, Chemistry C, AS French B, Welsh Baccalaureate A)*

Headteacher congratulates St Cyres pupils

St Cyres A-Level pupils have once more performed exceptionally well in their A-Level examinations, said a school spokesperson.

There were many outstanding individual achievements, with a five per cent increase in grades at A* and A.

In figures that showed a rise in previous years, 79 per cent of the school's results were graded A* to C, while 98 per cent of St Cyres sixth form pupils were awarded the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma, which is equivalent to a further A-Level, with a large increase in the number of grades at A* and A.

In addition, a number of year-12 pupils achieved major success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, the headteacher, commented: "The hard work of our students, and the professionalism and dedication of our teaching staff, who have supported them every step of the way, have once again produced excellent results.

"Our year-13 students have risen to the challenges we have set them and we are incredibly proud of them.

"I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well in the next stage of their lives. Education should be a lifelong habit and our students are now well-placed to achieve further success, both at university and in their future careers."

Bard's birthplace mystery

THE recent Friends and Neighbours' mystery trip to Stratford-upon-Avon was a tremendous success.

The birthplace of William Shakespeare was celebrating its 800th anniversary and many of the members enjoyed the river cruise and commentary from their guide.

Some took the opportunity to visit Holy Trinity Church, where William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway are buried.

Bancroft Gardens were not to be missed with an array of statues including William Shakespeare, Hamlet, Lady Macbeth and Falstaff.

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ADVICE ON SAVING ENERGY

THE Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme, working in partnership with Action on Hearing, will attend an event in Barry Library on Friday, September 2, from 2pm to 4pm, to provide advice on saving energy and help people budget for their fuel bills.

"In addition to advice, people who receive a means-tested benefit and live in a home that is hard to heat, may also be eligible for 'free' home improvements from Nest. These may include a replacement boiler, central heating system or insulation," a spokesman said.

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'Bright achievements of young people'

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT (Leader of the House)

MANY congratulations to Hannah Mills from Dinas Powys for her Olympic Gold sailing success – she is such a bright young star from the Vale – as are our young people who recently received their A, AS, Welsh Baccalaureate and GCSE results.

Congratulations also to our teachers and trainers who work so hard to help secure these results, setting our young people off on many different paths – to further and higher education as well as apprenticeships and the world of work.

With unemployment falling faster in Wales than anywhere else in the UK over the past year, the job and career opportunities are manifold for young people and for their prospective employers.

Employment in Wales increased by 17,000 during this period – close to our highest recorded level.

As well as these bright moments of good news for our young people, we also know that we need to work hard to ensure the most disadvantaged young people get the opportunities they need to progress from their pre-school years throughout their school experience.

This needs extra investment by the Welsh Government working with the Vale Council in programmes like Flying Start – with free childcare and parenting support – as well as the Vale's 'Putting Families First' projects which have drawn praise from Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo and the actor Michael Sheen.

We can learn from studies and evaluations of the impact of our investment in public services but it is vital that we put people at the heart of those evaluations to learn from pupils, parents and patients about what works best for them.

This is clearly the approach of a programme run by community nurses based at Barry Community Clinic in Broad Street for patients with chronic oedema.

Meeting the team of nurses with the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Vaughan Gething AM, last week, provided us with the opportunity to see the positive impact of their interventions for patients who have suffered with this chronic condition, which can be ameliorated.

We learnt how patients are now receiving 'video prescriptions' to help them manage their oedemas as well as support with the use of Microsoft Lync.

The project is funded by the Welsh Government and aims to reduce the costs of inappropriate prescribing estimated at £144,000 pa and reduction in GP appointments and admissions for cellulitis.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board staff told us about the impact of this project which started in Barry followed by Cowbridge. (The team will be covering Penarth and parts of Cardiff in coming months). Patient feedback and long-term satisfaction will be crucial in evaluating the effectiveness of this investment for roll out across Wales – but the Vale has led the way.

Bright achievements are also being highlighted in the Vale due to the initiative of citizens such as Howard Lewis from St Brides Major who is a long-standing campaigner for older people locally and nationally.

I have congratulated Mr Lewis, Chair of the UK Older People's Advisory Group, for his influence which has resulted in changes on lending to older people.

Featured in The GEM, it is worth repeating what Howard has achieved. As a result of his brilliant campaigning, the Principality Building Society has announced it will be revising its lending policy for older customers.

This is all good news for the Vale, for Wales and for the UK as we honour our young people and education profession, promote pioneering new health initiatives and thank campaigners like Mr Lewis for persevering to achieve change which

The Vale bucks national trend on A-Level results

THERE were criticisms last week of the A-Level results from the all-Wales perspective, but all concerned were quick to point out that those criticisms did not apply to the Vale.

The Vale Council reported that more than 98 per cent of pupils taking WJEC A-Levels this year have achieved grades A*-E, half a per cent higher than in 2015, and over one per cent higher than the Welsh average.

There was also this year a "significant increase" in the number of students entered for both AS and A levels.

More than 20 per cent of all pupils in the Vale at both A and AS level gained A* or A grades.

At A-Level 23.2 per cent of pupils gained A* - A, 0.5 per cent above the national average of 22.7, while 77.3 per cent of pupils achieved grades A*- C, compared to a national average of 73.8.

At A/S Level, another increase in the percentage of pupils achieving the top grade saw 21.1 per cent achieve an A*, whilst the percentage of pupils achieving grades between A and E remained at 89.8.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "This year's A-Level results show clearly that the Vale Council's programme of investment into our schools is continuing to pay dividends for our young people.

"In recent months I have seen first-hand just how hard pupils, teachers, and support staff work to get such fantastic results. They fully deserve to celebrate today."

The Vale Council chose to single out the performance of schools in Barry. A spokesperson said: "Results at schools in Barry were the best ever, with over 98 per cent of pupils across Barry and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive Schools and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg achieving an A*-E grade at A-Level.

"Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry, the Vale's school for Welsh medium secondary education, had a pass rate of 100 per cent for A-Level pupils for the second year running.

"Bryn Hafren Comprehensive saw a 21 per cent increase in its pass rate, with 99 per cent of the 127 pupils who sat A-Level examinations achieving an A*-C grade."

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies AM, said: "Congratulations to students across the Vale for achieving these very positive results and I wish them the very best as they progress onto the next stage of their lives.

"Without doubt, these results are the fruits of years of hard work by students, ably supported by their teachers, parents, governors, and all deserve great credit and recognition for these achievements.

"Sadly, on the whole Wales is still lagging behind other areas of the UK.

"It remains a matter of concern that after 17 years of Labour governments, 'systemic failure' in Welsh education and falls in international comparisons that Wales is still at the bottom of the UK league table for A-Levels."

Barry six enjoy fun week with Girlguiding Cymru

Members of the 10th Barry Guides unit at the summer camp.

READY, steady, go! Six girls from 10th Barry Guides joined 50 Girlguiding Cymru members at their headquarters Broneirion near Llandinam, Powys for a fun-filled week of sports.

The Ready Steady Go summer camp was held from August 15 to 19 to celebrate the 2016 Olympic Games. The girls spent the week camping out, exploring and discovering new activities.

Nieve Lea and Mollie Thomas (both 10), Hannah Phillips (11), Lauren Moran (13), Abi Leigh Whitfield (11) and Freya Burrow (12), who are members of the 10th Barry Guides Unit, attended the camp with their leader, Lisa Edwards, along with her daughter Emilia Edwards, who is a Rainbow.

The camp offered adventurous activities including sailing, golf, kayaking, archery, hockey, cycling, athletics and much more.

Gabby Doyle, sports development officer, who organised the camp, said: "To tie in with the Rio Olympic Games, we have given the girls plenty of opportunities to try Olympic-themed sports to develop new skills, gain confidence and hopefully inspire them to continue playing sport.

"All of the girls have had a busy and very rewarding week and who knows? We may have a future athlete in the making."

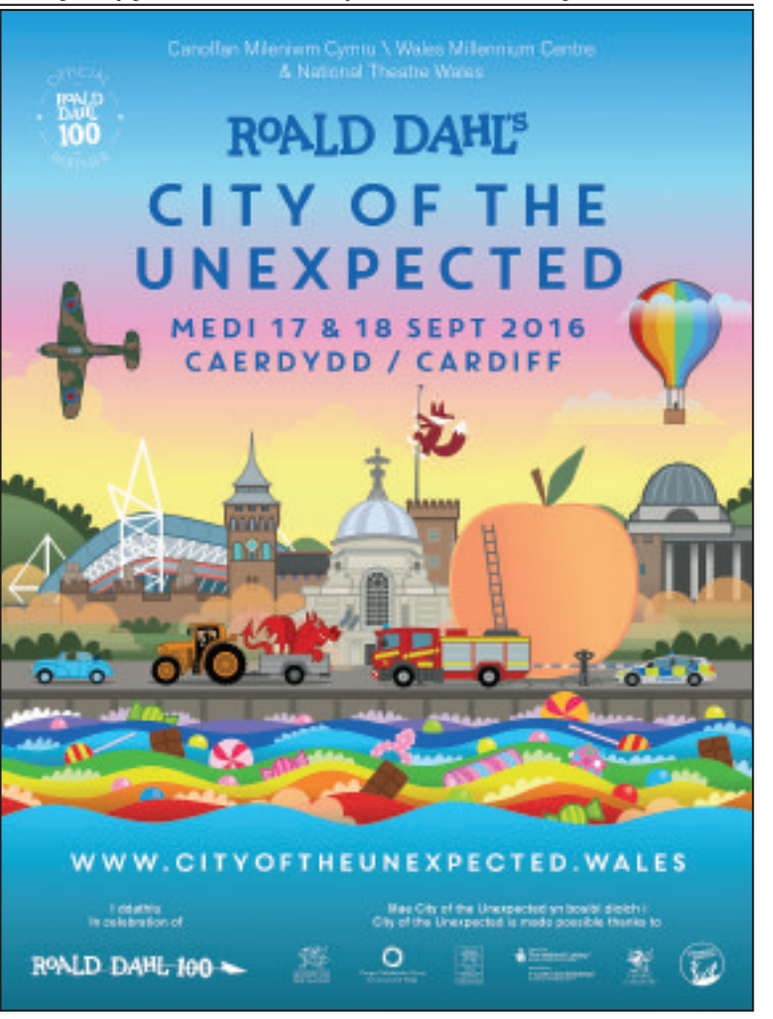
Young women attending Ready Steady Go camp are all members of Guides, aged 10-14, and The Senior Section, Girlguiding's groups for young women aged 14-25.

The event was supported by Sport Wales enabling Girlguiding Cymru to offer an opportunity at a subsidised price for the girls taking part and covering the costs for the volunteer Leaders. For more information about how to get involved with Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Lloyds Foundation gives £60,000 to VPF

VALE People First (VPF), a self-advocacy organisation for and led by people with a learning disability in the Vale, has been given a grant of £60,000 by the Lloyds Bank Foundation.

VPF coordinator Liz Davidson said that the grant, which is over three years, will help young disabled people live independently.



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Ruth Wignall with her husband, Jonathan and children Grace and Jack.

Weathergirl Ruth joins Cancer Research Wales

TV weathergirl Ruth Wignall is hoping to spread some sunshine at a family event – and raise funds for the Welsh Cancer Research charity.

The Vale-based ITV Wales weather presenter will be leading a new fundraising event called 'Family Footsteps' where families across south Wales can take part in a walking event around the scenic Cardiff Bay barrage.

The 10k circular walk is sponsored by the Principality Building Society and replaces the Cancer Research Wales' previously named, and much-loved, 'Pink-a-Blue Walk'. Family Footsteps is an ideal event for all the family: pushchair, wheelchair and dog friendly, it will take place at 10.30am on Sunday, September 4, starting at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay.

Walkers are being encouraged to wear multi-coloured clothing, to represent the many different types of cancer into which Cancer Research Wales funds research.

This will be a special event for Ruth, who will be walking with her husband Johnathan and children Grace and Jack, after becoming an official Patron of Cancer Research Wales.

Ruth, who was part of a team of trekkers who crossed the Sahara Desert to fundraise for Cancer Research Wales earlier this year, has been a long-term supporter of the charity since her father was diagnosed with cancer.

Ruth said: "Five years ago my Dad was diagnosed with cancer – a healthy 60-year-old, it came out of the blue.

"We weren't expecting it. But he is here today, alive and relatively well, because cancer is no longer the death sentence it once was. And that is because there are people like those at Cancer Research Wales. I'm absolutely delighted to become a patron of this fantastic charity and join in with as many fundraising events as possible."

Speaking about the event, Cancer Research Wales fundraiser Rachel Marsh said: "We are delighted that Ruth is supporting this event, where we are encouraging people to walk for the past, present, and future.

"The past is our memories of loved ones, and the present is about showing our support to anyone who is affected by cancer today. The future is to protect generations to come, bringing advances in cancer prevention, treatment and a cure closer to home.

"This is a special year for the charity, as we mark 50 years of fighting cancer in Wales. All the money raised for Cancer Research Wales stays in Wales and goes straight to teams of leading scientists to fund their work."

There will be a wide range of entertainment for those taking part and spectating in the event including radio DJs, warm-ups and plenty more. T-shirts, merchandise and balloons will all be available to wear on the day.

Entry is £10 for adults, £3 for under-14s (please wear your own colourful costumes!). To sign up to the event visit: www.cancerresearchwales.co.uk/FamilyFootsteps or to request an information pack phone 02920 316 976.

Throw a special dinner party for Marie Curie!

DINNER parties for most people, are a great way to share memorable moments with friends and family, and Marie Curie is asking foodies to host a 'dinner party with a difference' this autumn.

The charity and its hospice in Penarth, is looking for people to host a 'Dinner Down Memory Lane' – but instead of asking guests to bring a bottle or a pudding, request a donation instead, with funds going to Marie Curie.

Hannah Leckie, community fundraiser for Marie Curie in south - west Wales, said: "We all love getting together with friends and family, having fun and creating new memories.

"Dinner Down Memory Lane is all about doing just that. It's the perfect excuse to share good times with your loved ones and you'll be supporting Marie Curie Nurses at the same time."

To sign up and get your free fundraising pack visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/dinner, call 01554 759 071 or email Hannh.Leckie@mariecurie.org.uk

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ABOVE: The team at Accounted For.

ACCOUNTANCY firm, Accounted For, is celebrating its 10th anniversary by raising more than £10,000 for its chosen charity – Tŷ Hafan children's hospice at Sully.

The Cardiff-based firm, which was founded in 2006, has pledged to raise the significant sum after directors Leanne and Lee Eustace visited the hospice earlier this year.

Leanne Eustace, director at Accounted For, said: "*As a mother of four young boys, it was an extremely moving experience for me.*

"The facility is incredible and I was inspired by how hard the staff work to ensure that the children are happy and carefree – just the way children should be.

"I found it amazing that a place like this, which provides such an important service to families, is reliant on public donations and decided that we needed to help them in any way possible."

The firm plans to raise the money through a series of fundraising events, challenges and initiatives to be spread out through its 10th year.

The £10,958 to be raised will match the amount that is needed to run the hospice and its services for 24 hours, supporting life-limited children and their families from across Wales.

Mrs Eustace added: "*We hope that by giving something back, we can help this wonderful facility continue to do its crucial work and support even more families in need across Wales.*"

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Celebrating A-Level results at the Cathedral School, with Grace and Henry Alston on the left.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE OFF TO OXBRIDGE

The Cathedral School continues to be placed amongst the best independent schools in the UK, with its students achieving 82 per cent of grades at A*-B and securing places at the most competitive universities, said a school spokesperson.

A third of the cohort gained exclusively A*/A grades, and 55 per cent of all grades were A*/A. The overall pass rate was 100 per cent.

Accumulating seven A* and one A grades, twins Grace and Henry Alston will progress to Queens' College, Cambridge, and Imperial College London respectively.

Head Girl Grace will read Natural Sciences, while Henry will study Mathematics.

Grace said: "I am so pleased with my results and overwhelmingly excited to be heading off to university. Thank you so much to everyone at the Cathedral School who has helped me over the last seven years, especially in the sixth form. It has been a fantastic experience."

Arthur Wotton (Head Boy) and Jon Berry will read Spanish and French at New College and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, respectively, while Stella Rhode will read Architecture at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Other top performers, scoring exclusively A* and A grades, included Alexander Le Grys, who secured a place to read Economics at Durham, Gwyn Edwards, who will study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at The London School of Economics, Erin Brennan who will read Biomedical Sciences at Bath University and Nuria Horner who will study Medical Sciences at Exeter University.

Mr Stephen Morris, the headmaster said: "We are absolutely delighted that our students have achieved such excellent results.

"They are testament to the talent and ambition that exists within the young people of South Wales, their hard work and the excellent teaching at the Cathedral School which has helped them to realise their potential.

"These fantastic results, across a wide range of subjects, are a wonderful achievement for a sixth form which despite being in its infancy, is performing competitively with the top schools in the UK.

Mrs Clare Sherwood joins the school as head next month. The school will host an open morning on Saturday, October 1 for nursery to sixth form, followed by a sixth form options evening on Thursday, October 13.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elderly advice

AN advisor from Trading Standards Cardiff and Vale Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold an information session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, August 30 from 10am to 12 midday. No appointment is needed; for further information, contact 01446 732385.

Porthcawl Choral

ON Friday, September 9 at 7pm, Porthcawl Choral Society present 'Adiemus' by Karl Jenkins at All Saints Church Porthcawl. Tickets £6; for further details call 01656 784211 or 01656 784180.

Rookwood team conquer Snowdon Push challenge

The Rookwood team that met the challenge!

GRIT, determination and courage were shown by a team from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board when they recently took on the Snowdon Push challenge.

Keith's Warriors, a team made up from the Posture and Mobility Service with the Artificial Limb and Appliance Service (ALAS), along with physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and rehabilitation engineer friends who treat patients affected by spinal cord injury, decided to take on this challenge to give something back to the charity Back Up for the help and support they provide to their patients.

Back Up is a small national charity that helps people of all ages and backgrounds to rebuild their confidence and independence following a spinal injury. Their wheelchair skills sessions, mentoring service and rehabilitative activity courses are all run by people who have spinal cord injury themselves.

They also support people to overcome the challenges of returning to work or school. This year also sees their 30th anniversary.

As an organisation, Back Up works with people of all ages, from young children to the elderly, and relies upon a network of volunteers, mentors and skilled professionals, to provide unrivalled support and enthusiasm for the work of the charity.

Keith Roberts, Assistant Directorate Manager for ALAS said: "The Snowdon Push was a challenge like no other that any of us have ever completed before".

"The Push involved teams of between 10-16 people who aimed to conquer the highest mountain in England and Wales – Mount Snowdon - which is over 3,500 ft high.

"One member of the team had to be a wheelchair user, and so as a team this meant we pushed, pulled, climbed our way up, It was brutal and physically more demanding than expected for us all.

"To top it off, we came second out of eleven teams that took part. We were 12 minutes behind the winners. Not a bad effort for first timers. Despite the pain the whole team are keen to do it next year!"

"This year is Back Up's 30th anniversary and the whole team had their own reasons for doing this including personal goals and challenges. We were all determined to raise as much money we could, and so far we have raised over £4,460. I'd like to say a big "thank you" to all those who supported us along the way."

JAYNE CATHERALL

Walk to help sick children like Hannah

THE Noah's Ark Charity is calling on families from across south Wales to sign up to its 3k or 10k Family Fun Walk in Cardiff Bay on Sunday, September 18.

The charity supports the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, which delivers specialist and often life-saving care to 73,000 children from across Wales each year – many from the area covered by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Last year, more than 250 walkers raised over £20,000 in sponsorship to fund equipment, facilities and support services for the children's hospital. Organisers are hopeful that the event, now in its third year, will grow again in 2016.

Senior fundraiser, Linda Davies, said: "The fun walk is such a lovely event because it's all about families coming together to help other families. The route is completely accessible to pushchairs and wheelchairs, so anyone (of any age or ability) can join in.

"Last year, a young lady called Hannah from Llantwit Major, took part with a sign above her wheelchair which said that the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital had saved her life twice. Her parents say that the hospital saved her life again this year, so they're all planning on taking part again as a thank you. It's children like Hannah that the walk is all about."

Registration for the event costs £5 per person which includes a free t-shirt and bottle of water. Fancy dress is optional and there will be various activities to keep little walkers entertained on the day. To sign up visit www.noahsarkcharity.org/familyfunwalk.

Will you give Maxwell a sporting chance?

DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing to local dog-loving sports fans to help find a home for three-year-old crossbred Maxwell, known at the Rehoming Centre not only for his good looks, but for his athletic prowess.

He is a sweet natured, fun loving character and his carers are really hoping his talents will help him win the ultimate prize in the form of a loving new home. Playful pooch Maxwell didn't have the best start in life after coming to Dogs Trust as a stray and is looking for a new best friend to play endless games of chase.

"He is a fetch fanatic who will bound after anything. Maxwell is all-rounder who would love an active owner to help continue his agility training."

Supporter relations officer Rhiannon Chamberlain, said: "This bouncy boy is still young and very strong so just like any athlete, he could do with extra training which will help him settle and become part of the family. Maxwell can live with a compatible dog able to keep up with his zest for life."

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The Doc was my first cousin!

Samuel Lavis and family outside the dairy which was on the corner of Kingsland Crescent and is now a private house.

I READ with interest your recent article by Dr Pat Parry, headed 'Memories of a Barry medical practice...'

What caught my eye at first was the reference to Dr Parry's great grandparents moving to Barry and setting up a dairy in Kingsland Crescent.

During my research on my family history, I had parked this little nugget about the dairy as I was certain I had a family link to it but could not quite link to it.

The family that established the dairy was the Lavis family from Pitney, Somerset, headed by Samuel Lavis.

My great grandfather was Thomas Andrews, also born in Pitney, and his brother, Job Andrews, married Susan Lavis and they also came to Barry, and then on to the Rhondda.

Through tracing details contained in Dr Parry's article I was able to trace their family lines, link them to mine and it turned out Dr Lennox, (who was my GP), is my sixth cousin.

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Today, the Pottery House houses a collection of Welsh porcelain and a small tearoom, while to the rear are the ruins of the porcelain works which the friends of Nantgarw are in the process of restoring.

The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. If you would like to spend a couple of hours each week in these beautiful surroundings, the friends of Nantgarw are always in need of volunteers to help in the tea room and museum.

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Brent is back – and fans won't be disappointed....

SINCE the success of *The Office*, Ricky Gervais has gone on to become a global comedy star, with the likes of *Extras* and *Derek* on TV and films such as *Cemetery Junction*, *The Invention of Lying* and his recent Netflix film *Special Correspondents* all confirming his status as a premiere comedian.

Yet the character that made his name has never been too far away, and after flirting with bringing him back, most notably in a Comic Relief sketch a few years ago, David Brent is back in *Life On The Road*.

Having left Wernham Hogg, Brent is now pursuing his dream of being a pop star (as well as being a travelling salesman), and embarks on a tour with his band Foregone Conclusion. With protege Dom (Doc Brown) and the band, Brent travels the country hoping that finally, this time, his dreams will come true...

The Office was such a perfectly realised, neatly wrapped show that any attempts to revisit it or its characters has to be up to scrutiny. *David Brent: Life In The Road* isn't so much *The Office* redux, more a continuation of the (mis)adventures of the titular character.

Given how the original sitcom was a riposte to the gentle BBC docusoaps of the time (the likes of Driving School's Maureen or Airport's Jeremy early inspiration for the normal folk of the Wernham Hogg paper merchants), this film comes out in an age where reality TV (and its 'stars') are 10-a-penny, where the answer to people's dreams is not so much hard work and effort but auditioning for a talent show and hoping for the best.

However, the character of Brent was always anchored; as much as there was an idiotic bluster and misguided notions of pomposity, Gervais (and co-writer Stephen Merchant, not present here) always made Brent feel real rather than an elevated sitcom character.

What's pleasing is that in *Life On The Road*, Gervais doesn't change the foundations of the character – he's still as misguided as ever (perhaps, boosted by the likes of *X-Factor*, even more misguided) and still liable to dig himself a hole that he rapidly manages to find himself deeper and deeper in.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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This is where the comedy lies, Brent managing to baffle and befuddle his backing band, his young protege (a wonderfully deadpan Doc Brown) and anyone around him as he tries to blend in yet finds himself on the outside looking in.

However, while the world has moved on, the humour and character of Brent haven't. While this isn't a problem if you find the awkwardness of the comedy appealing, it is however somewhat one-note in its execution and tone.

We all know Brent is a 'foot-in-mouth' character, and while Gervais takes take great delight in playing up this aspect of him, it sometimes it feels a little too close to the bone, as if Gervais is trying to shock with the character. There are plenty of very funny moments indeed, but these are jokes playing to the converted and those who find Gervais' sometimes abrasive style less than amusing won't have much to hold on to here.

The heart of the film is provided by the few colleagues Brent is liked by – Pauline (underplayed by Jo Hartley), Mandeep Dhillon's receptionist and his colleague in awkward mirth Nigel (Tom Bennett), which grants the film a bit more depth, even if the resolution of Brent's story feels unearned and a little too easily tied up.

Given this is a 'rockumentary' of sorts, the songs (all penned by Gervais) cut the mustard, clever and witty with a dash of knowing, and add to the film's humour.

There is much to enjoy about this return to Brent from Gervais; the awkward comedy and emotional anchor of *The Office* is present and correct, while there are salient points gently hinted at about the cost for pursuing fame and wanting to be something you may not be. It won't win over non-fans, but for those who relish Gervais tackling the character there will be plenty to savour.

VERDICT – Brent is back – and fans won't be disappointed. If *Life On The Road* feels a little one-note at times, it's not to its detriment as it's a note that is largely very humorous. Its climax feels unearned, but the journey there is more than appealing and with some cleverly-written songs underpinned with a sobering dose of reality, its a successful return for Ricky Gervais' character. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *This Is Spinal Tap* (1984), *Cemetery Junction* (2010).

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Roald Dahl exhibition in Art Central Gallery

ART Central Gallery in Barry is hosting 'The Art of Illustration' an exhibition inspired by Roald Dahl.

The exhibition is showing, by kind permission of Sir Quentin Blake's and Dahl's agencies, some prints of Blake's illustrations that can be seen in the popular children's books written by Dahl.

There is a lot to see and be inspired by in this wonderland of imagination and intrigue!

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "Come along and take a selfie in the 'Gigantic Chair', visit our 'Witches Corner', make a note of your dreams, smell the chocolate, and enjoy celebrating the centenary of one of the most prolific writers of children's books.

"Let us take you on a journey that will fill your imagination: visit the exhibition and while you're here, join the 'Reading Challenge' at Barry County Library or at your local library and read six books this summer to get your certificate and other goodies, but be sure to visit the gallery and spring into magical lands, scrumptiousness and other stupendous delights!"

Curated by Tracey Harding, arts development officer and gallery manager, and Nicola Tucker, artist and teacher, this exhibition will be on show until the end of September. Open from 10am – 4pm, entrance to the exhibition is free.

The Vale Council's arts development service would like to thank The Quentin Blake and Roald Dahl Agencies, Llandough Hospital, Dr Bob's Balloons, Barry Library, Cadoxton School, Zoe O'Shea Florist and all involved in helping to create this exhibition.

FAMILY FAIR

ON Sunday, August 28, Dexters at Pencoed, will be hosting its annual summer fair in support of Ty Hafan children's hospice from 11am, offering "something for all the family".

This includes crafts, vintage and retro, face painting, demonstrations and workshops, teas, coffee and cakes and a charity raffle.

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Local churches unlock doors for open day

CADW in the Vale and Bridgend is taking part in 'Open Doors' programme next month, and will give visitors a chance to explore their history and architecture.

The churches taking part are St David's Church, Pencoed (September 1); St Peter's, Dinas Powys (September 4); St John the Baptist, Sully (September 10); and St Mary's Wenvoe (September 24).

They are among a host of churches throughout the Diocese of Llandaff, including Llandaff Cathedral, taking part in this year's Open Doors programme under which hundreds of heritage sites and historic attractions become accessible to the public.

Open Doors is organised by Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service, and offers the chance to explore the hidden treasures of Wales's culture and history.

In addition to being able to admire church architecture, visitors will have the chance to look at important social documents, such as baptism and marriage registers.

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Councillors' surgery

INDEPENDENT councillors for the Court ward, Richard and Robert Bertin, will be holding a drop-in advice surgery on Saturday, August 27, from 12pm–1pm at Barry Library.

No appointments are necessary; for further information contact Richard on 01446 736227.

Flower festival

A FLOWER festival will be held at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, over the Bank holiday weekend (August 27, 28 and 29).

On Sunday, August 28, there will be 'Songs of Praise' at 7pm.

Proceeds from the event will be shared between the church funds appeal and the Eve Appeal (fighting women's cancer).

Beach clean

FOR the first time, Friends of Barry Beaches will be taking their monthly beach clean outside Barry on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 29 at Gileston Beach, Aberthaw.

The clean-up will commence at 3pm and volunteers should meet at the car park. For those unsure of the location, the road is opposite the war memorial at St Athan.

Healthy eating

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a health information session on Tuesday, August 30.

Advice on healthy eating will be available from the Vale Health team and Nutrition in the Elderly.

Open from 10am-12noon at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

MP's surgeries

THE Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP will hold the following constituency surgeries:

On Tuesday, August 30, Mr Cairns will be in Waitrose, Cowbridge, 12.30pm–2pm.

In the Lee Hall in Dinas Powys on Thursday, September 1 from 3:30pm – 5pm.

On Friday, September 2 he will be at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10:30am – 12pm.

To make an appointment call 01446 403814 or email alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk. All welcome.

Enfys craft fair

ENFYS Craft Fair returns on Saturday, September 3.

The fair is held in St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry and opens at 10am and finishes at 4pm.

The charity raffle will raise money for the local branch of Macmillan Cancer Support.

For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

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Farmers' market

THE next Porthcawl Farmers' Market is on Saturday from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Awel y Mor Community Hall, off Wellfield Avenue, Porthcawl.

Local produce will be available and Elena Pardoe returns to the market with her range of Spanish tapas. The Market Café will also be open for teas, coffees and snacks.

Sea Cadets AGM

ON Thursday, September 29, Penarth Sea Cadets (charity no: 524210) are holding their annual general meeting at the Sea Cadet Hall, Stanwell Crescent, Penarth. All past members of the unit and the general public are invited to attend the open meeting.

School reunion

A GROUP of pupils who entered Tonyrefail Grammar School in September 1956 are planning a reunion on October 13 to mark the 60th anniversary of that event.

They would like to hear from former pupils who entered the school that year, or who were transferred from Gellidawel Secondary School and Y Pant Secondary School, in September 1957.

Further details from David Yeoman on 01656 649919. The proposed date for the Reunion is October 13, 2016.

HOSPICE HIKERS HOLD TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

MARIE CURIE Hospice Hikers are asking local residents to join them for a teddy bears' picnic on Saturday, August 27 in the garden at the charity's hospice in Penarth at 1pm.

Children are admitted free and adults will be charged £1.50, which will include a cup of tea and a cake.

"Bring your own picnic blanket and there will be lots of teddy filled fun with children's games and lots more for you to enjoy," a spokesman said.

The Hospice Hikers are a group of four nurses who work at the hospice and are raising money for their trek to Sri Lanka in November 2017. Sarah Harry, Lauren James, Sam Metcalfe and Bethany Webster will be trekking the highest peaks of Sri Lanka, to raise money to support people living with a terminal illness and their families at the hospice.

For more information, contact Sarah Harry on Sarah.Harry@mariecurie.org.uk or telephone 02920 426068.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D945.

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Tracing the birth of Glamorganshire Canal

ON August 16, Michael Ashcroft gave a talk to Dinas Powys Probus Club about the Glamorganshire Canal.

He claims that water from the canal has been in his blood since he was thrown in at the age of three, but survived because it was only six inches deep at that point!

The canal was dug to move iron from Merthyr Tydfil down to Cardiff to be exported.

Originally, it was moved by pack horses or mules but it was a very slow and expensive operation.

When the Crawshay family became controlling shareholders of the iron works, they realised that a horse-drawn boat on a canal would be more efficient.

Only one horse was needed to move big loads and the journey was quicker. After a long delay, in 1790 by Act of Parliament, construction started at Merthyr down to Cardiff docks, a length of 25¼ miles, with a fall of 568 feet.

In 1796, a further Act allowed a sea-lock to be added in Cardiff so that iron could be transferred directly onto a ship without the need to first off-load on the dock side.

Built by Thomas Dadford & Son, in 1790 the cost had been estimated at £48,000 but the eventual cost was £103,00.

Later extensions were dug to serve the Nantgarw china works and Crawshaw's Cyfarthfa Iron Works.

It proved to be hugely profitable for the shareholders, but not so for the navvies who built it. They lived in miserable conditions.

The boats were narrow river boats, not barges which were much bigger and in general use in England. Typically, they had a width of seven feet and a length of between 60 and 70 feet. Usually, built of oak to cope with the heavy loads, they were essentially working boats, designed to be easily repairable.

They cost £90 but a small shelter cabin at the bow was an extra £10 and 3 pence.

An essential item was storage space for the horse feed. The tow rope was attached to a central pole so that a tiller could keep the boat straight and prevent it from continually fouling the bank. A man held the tiller and a boy led the horse.

The canal and its tow-path was always the private property of the Company. As a valuable commercial asset, they had to be protected. Heavy fines were levied for trespass, damage or dumping rubbish. Rewards were given for recovering dead bodies.

Use of the canal was at its peak from 1830 until 1880 when huge amounts of iron and coal were transported but gradually railways overtook it and the development of The New Taff Railway in 1841 marked its end as a major commercial business and it was largely closed in1898.

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Former minister joins university

LEIGHTON ANDREWS, a former Welsh Government minister, is taking up a new role at Cardiff University, to help strengthen its position at the forefront of research into public service leadership and innovation.

In his post as Professor of practice in public service leadership and innovation at Cardiff Business School, Mr Andrews will take a leadership role in academic and engagement activities within the sector.

He said: "I am pleased to be joining the talented team at Cardiff University and I look forward to contributing to research and teaching across a variety of academic subjects, drawing on my previous experience and prior research."

A member of the National Assembly from 2003-2016, Mr Andrews held roles including Deputy Minister for Regeneration, and Minister for Public Service.

During his career, he has also worked as head of public affairs for the BBC in London, responsible for the BBC's relationships with Westminster and Brussels, and as a lecturer at the University's school of journalism, media and cultural studies, where he has been an honorary professor since 2004.

He lost his Rhondda Assembly seat in May to Leanne Wood.

Farming options outside the EU

NFU president, Meurig Raymond, a Pembrokeshire farmer, will be the guest speaker at a joint Monmouthshire and Glamorgan NFU Cymru farm meeting on Thursday, September 1, at North Court Farm, North Row, Redwick, NP26 3DX, at 6pm.

It will be followed by the first of NFU Cymru's Brexit Roadshows with NFU Cymru president, Stephen James and NFU Cymru staff presenting a consultation on the options for a domestic farming policy in a future outside the EU.

WELL WORTH READING

RHOOSE Library Book Club continues to thrive, despite the future of the library being uncertain, due to the changes to all library services in the Vale.

The group meets monthly in the library to review the book of the month. Each book is rated by the group members in terms of the storyline, characters, the author's style. The group dines out regularly too. The photo (ABOVE) was taken at Llantwit Major in August, as all enjoyed a nice meal, and shared stories with each other.

The book club is a good place to exchange reading experiences, and will be soon celebrating again – when it reaches its sixth anniversary.

TY HAFAN CHINA TREK

TY HAFAN children's hospice at Sully's Great Wall of China Trek 2017, will be launched at the hospice on Thursday, August 25 at 6pm.

A spokesperson said: "It will be a fantastic evening, full of information on the challenge and is sure to inspire and motivate you to get involved. We will have one of the Global Adventure Challenge trek guides on hand to share with you their personal stories of trekking the Great Wall and to answer any questions you may have.

"It will also be an opportunity to meet our special celebrity ambassador, who will be trekking the wall with you and, most importantly, you will get to meet some of our amazing children and their families, plus lots of hints and tips on how to fundraise."

To attend the launch, contact, james.dhale@tyhafan.org by Monday, August 22.

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4 Medi 2016
Gŵyl Crefftau ar yr Arfordir
(Digwyddiad agored)

Diwrnod Lansio'r Ŵyl. Dathliad o Gelf a Chrefft wedi'u hysbrydoli gan yr Arfordir Treftadaeth – gweithgareddau ymarferol, arddangosiadau, siop grefftau dros dro ac arddangosfeydd. **9.30am – 5.30pm.**

6 - 9 Medi
Crefftau ar yr arfordir – diwrnodau gweithdy Crefft mewn Ffocws
(Digwyddiadau mynediad trwy docyn)

6 - Gwehyddu Gwiail Helyg
7 - Gwydr Lliw
8 - Ysgrifennu Creadigol a Thecstilau
9 - Celf Broc Môr

Caiff 3 gweithdy eu cynnal bob dydd rhwng **9.30am a 12pm (oedolion yn unig)** rhwng **1pm a 3.30pm (oedolion yn unig)** a rhwng **4pm a 5.30pm (plant).**

16 a 17 Medi
Sinema Traeth Tiroedd Coll
(Digwyddiad mynediad trwy docyn)

Caiff y digwyddiad unigryw hwn ei gynnal o fewn lleoliad ysblennydd muriau'r ardd, gyda chynhyrchiad gwych ar sgrin sinema chwyddadwy fawr, sain theatr, bar coctels â thema, gwerthwyr bwyd a cherddoriaeth fyw cyn bod yr haul yn machlud. O **6pm tan 11pm,** bydd y ffilm yn dechrau tua **9pm** (Machlud Haul).

8 Hydref
Gŵyl Slow Food™
(Digwyddiad agored)

Dewch i Flasu, Dysgu, Bwyta, Gwylio, Archwilio, Rhannu, Siopa, Gwrando, Yfed, Mwynhau, Clywed, Arogli, Cyfarfod a chael hwyl yn gwirioni ar fwyd! Mwynhewch Ŵyl gyda chynhyrchwyr bwyd a diod crefftus, sgyrsiau am fwyd, arddangosiadau coginio, bwytai dros dro a mwy. Slow Food – yn dod â phobl a bwyd da ynghyd! **10am – 4pm.**

15 Hydref
Gŵyl Bwyd a Diod yr Ardd Hydrefol
(Digwyddiad mynediad trwy docyn)

Antur Hydrefol i'r synhwyrau yn arddangos cynhyrchwyr bwyd a diod annibynnol lleol ar raddfa fach, cerddorion a chelf byw lleol o fewn muriau gerddi hanesyddol gwefreiddiol Dwnrhefn. O **12pm tan 9pm.**

Mae'r holl ddigwyddiadau yn cael eu cynnal ym Mae Dwnrhefn, Southerndown, Bro Morgannwg.

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y sesiwn peilot dros dro ac i brynu tocynnau ar gyfer unrhyw un o'r digwyddiadau, ewch i **valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/popupvale #popupvale**

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4th September
Crafts on the Coastal Festival
(Open Event)

Arts Festival Launch Day. A celebration of Heritage Coast inspired Arts and Crafts - hands on activities, demonstrations, pop up craft shop and displays. **9.30am – 5.30pm.**

6th - 9th September
Crafts on the coast Craft in Focus workshop days
(Ticketed Events)

6th - Willow Weaving
7th - Stained Glass
8th - Creative Writing & Textiles
9th - Driftwood Art

3 workshops will be run per day from **9.30am - 12pm (adults only)** from **1pm - 3.30pm (adults only)** and from **4pm - 5.30pm (children).**

16th & 17th September
Lost Lands beach cinema
(Ticketed Event)

This one of a kind event will take place inside the spectacular setting of the garden walls, with fantastic production on a large inflatable cinema screen, theatre sound, themed cocktail bar, food vendors and live music before sunset. **6pm – 11pm,** film starting at approximately **9pm** (Sunset).

8th October
Slow Food™ Fest
(Open Event)

Come and Taste, Learn, Eat, Watch, Explore, Share, Shop, Listen, Drink, Enjoy, Hear, Smell, Meet, and have foodie fun! Enjoy a Fest with artisan food and drink producers, food talks, cooking demos, restaurant pop-ups and more. Slow Food - bringing people and good food together! **10am – 4pm.**

15th October
Autumn Garden Festival of Food and Drink
(Ticketed Event)

An Autumnal sense adventure showcasing local, small scale independent producers of food and drink, live local musicians and arts in the stunning, historic walled gardens of Dunraven. **12pm-9pm.**

All events are taking place at Dunraven Bay, Southerndown, The Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information about the pop-up pilot and to purchase tickets for any of the events, please visit: **valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/popupvale #popupvale**

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Achieving your goals at Cardiff and Vale College

STUDENTS finishing their GCSEs and still contemplating their next step, are being encouraged to visit Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) on Wednesday, August 31 – to discuss their options and claim the last remaining places on courses starting in September.

From A-Levels and BTEC Extended Diplomas to career-focused courses and apprenticeships, CAVC offers the widest choice of pathways across Cardiff and the Vale, running at different levels to allow individuals to achieve their goals, whether university or a dream career.

Students have a choice of nearly 30 A-Level courses. These include: biology, English language and English literature, history, law, mathematics, media studies, photography, psychology and business, or an extensive range of career-focused courses, including aircraft engineering; hair, beauty and complementary therapies; hospitality; travel and tourism; sport and engineering, business and IT.

Demand for full-time courses is at an all-time high, with more people than ever before applying to study at one of the college's sites across Cardiff and the Vale – but, as principal and chief executive Mike James explains, it's not too late to get your place:

"The appetite for full-time learners to study at CAVC is high with our A-Level courses, in particular, receiving an unprecedented number of applications.

"With our new state-of-the-art campus in the city centre and the depth and breadth of courses available across all our sites, it's an exciting time to be part of Cardiff and Vale College.

"Competition for places is high, but there are still places available for some courses starting in September. Our enrolment period will provide those who've yet to make their final choices with the opportunity to come along, receive advice and guidance and secure their place on an appropriate course – on a first-come, first-served basis to study at CAVC."

Student success rates at CAVC are among the best in the country – above the national comparator – and continue to rise with more learners achieving their main qualification each year.

Last year, 82 per cent of learners progressed to further study, university or employment within three months of leaving the college, with an impressive 850 going on to university level study.

Students looking to progress straight into employment after college, are also reaping the benefits from their time at CAVC.

Through its focus on employability, the college provides all students with opportunities to develop their skills through participation in work placements, national skills competitions, entrepreneurial challenges, masterclasses with business and industry, workshops and more.

All supporting students to stand out from the crowd and progress.

In the last year, Cardiff and Vale College has seen many of its students embark upon impressive progression routes. For example, 19-year-old vehicle refinishing student Michael Scaccia came to college from school and has been taken on as a trainee for Aston Martin – Michael will be one of the first cohort of expert workers at its new luxury car factory in St Athan.

During her time on a business course and the college's Career Ready programme, 19-year-old Megan Harrington's CAVC journey took her from Barry Island to an internship in London with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, one of the world's leading law firms.

"Career Ready at Cardiff and Vale College changed my life – I have really enjoyed the experience," Megan said. "I'd always wanted to go into law, but I didn't have the confidence. College and its 'Career Ready' programme gave me that confidence and the belief I could do it – I'm now going to the University of Greenwich to study for a degree."

In a bid to provide its learners and the community with inspirational, state-of-the-art learning environments, CAVC has significantly invested in upgrading and transforming its sites and facilities over the last year.

Its landmark £45m City Centre Campus opened in October in the heart of Cardiff, just five minutes' walk from Central Station with impressive teaching facilities including specialist labs, construction and automotive training centres, a fifth floor training restaurant, huge commercial salon and spa, art and design studios, IT suites as well as its own cafe, convenience store and coffee shop for students.

This year, Wales' national athletics stadium also became the home and centre of excellence for CAVC's sport provision – renamed Cardiff International Sports Campus – a fantastic, dedicated place for those wishing to train for a future career in sport.

This underpins an already well-established sports provision at the college, including several successful sports academies such as rugby and football. This year will also see investment in equipment at a range of sites including the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training in the Vale.

Open enrolment for places on Cardiff and Vale College's wide range of courses takes place on Wednesday, August 31, at its Cardiff City Centre Campus and Barry Colcot Road Campus, from 10am to 7.30pm.

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Stanwell students are among Wales' top A-level performers

Martin Doyle, Ellie Donovan, Alex Warren and Sarah Brabham.

IT was another successful morning for Stanwell sixth form pupils, as they received their A-level and AS examination results.

The school reports "delight" that so many year-13 pupils have done well enough to secure places at their first choice universities and proud of the impressive results achieved by so many Stanwell pupils.

The excellent results are a testimony to the effort and commitment shown by pupils and staff and stand as further confirmation that excellent standards in learning and teaching continue to be at the forefront of the school's ethos.

At A-level, 31 per cent of all grades were A* or A with 87 per cent of the year group achieving A* to C overall.

Of particular note, students studying mathematics were awarded 40 A* or A grades (57 per cent of entry).

In addition, the computing, French, film studies and German departments were also very pleased with the student's results, where 80 per cent, 83 per cent, 75 per cent and 75 per cent of the candidates secured A* to B, respectively.

Overall, there were a very impressive 101 A* grades including the Welsh Baccalaureate (14 per cent of entry) and 473 A* to B grades (63 per cent of entry with the Welsh Baccalaureate). Furthermore, 203 students (98 per cent of entry) achieved the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma.

Excellent A-level results once again put Stanwell pupils amongst the top performers in Wales, with many individuals securing exceptional grades.

An impressive 43 students achieved three A grades or better, including the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Stanwell congratulated all the pupils in its 2016 cohort including of course, the highest achievers:

Katie MacLeod (4 A* grades, 1 A grade); Stephanie Friend (3 A* grades, 2 A grades); Abigail Hodges (4 A* grades); Sarah Brabham (3 A* grades, 1 A grade); William Brown (3 A* grades, 1 A grade); William Chappell (3 A* grades, 1 A grade); Sally Jones (3 A* grades, 1 A grade); Mark Norton (2 A* grades, 1 A grade and 1 B grade); Lowri Thomas (3 A* grades, 1 A grade); Evgenia Brusnitskaya (2 A* grades, 1 A grade and 1 B grade).

This year the average points score per pupil for the year-13 cohort (207 students) is 1,074 points, which is approximately the equivalent of four A grades for every pupil.

Mr M Lewis, assistant headteacher, commented: "This year's impressive A level results are well deserved. It is most satisfying to see our students achieve their full potential and it has been a pleasure and privilege to have worked with this group of young people".

Tony Rogers, chair of governors said: "This has been another very good year for the school. We congratulate all of our students on their achievements and wish them continued success in everything they do in the future."

Emma Davies and Emily Walters.

William Chappell, Eleanor Webster and Katie MacLeod.

'Don't go gourmet with the barbecue burgers!

AS many people prepare to round off summer with a Bank Holiday barbecue this weekend, Shared Regulatory Services at the Vale Council and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) this week offered cautionary tips on the safest way to cook burgers.

WITH gourmet burgers in restaurants becoming increasingly popular, some people may be tempted to serve their guests with burgers that are pink in the middle.

But a burger is not like steak. Steak can be served rare, because any contamination on the surface of the meat is destroyed when the steak is seared on the outside.

In con trast, burgers are made of minced meat, so bacteria on the outside of the meat are mixed up during the mincing process. The only way to kill the bacteria is to cook the whole burger *thoroughly*!

If the bacteria are not killed before the burger is eaten, it could result in food poisoning.

That's why a burger should be thoroughly cooked, with no pink bits in the middle.

This 'Barbecue Weekend' (August 27-29), rain or shine, the FSA is reminding everybody to:

- Cook burgers so they are steaming hot all the way through – no matter how expensive the meat.
- Check that none of it is pink and that any juices run clear.
- Avoid cross-contamination, by storing raw meat *separately* before cooking, using *different* utensils, plates and chopping boards for raw and cooked food.

Coun Gwyn John, chair of the joint committee for Shared Regulatory Services, said: "Taking note of this advice can keep your friends and family safe.

"Children, elderly, and poorly people, are most vulnerable to food poisoning – but anyone can become ill after eating a less than well-cooked burger.

"Food poisoning doesn't just lead to diarrhoea and vomiting – it could result in a life-threatening illness."

If you want your barbecue to be remembered for the right reasons, follow the FSA's advice on cooking burgers at your barbecue. Find out more about the FSA's top tips at: ***food.gov.uk/burgers***

Lucky winners of GEM raffle!

Mrs Cowan of Penarth has plenty of holiday reading after winning in The GEM raffle.

A food hamper for Mr Hywel Evans.

CONGRATULATIONS to two local residents who won prizes in the raffle organised by The GEM at the recent Vale of Glamorgan Show.

The lucky ticket, bought by Mrs Cowan from Penarth, won her a hamper donated by WH Smith in Cowbridge, containing a variety of books.

Mr Hywel Evans was the winner of a food hamper, donated by local businesses and GEM staff.

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Remembering the honoured colleague who helped set Vale education on the right path

I CANNOT start this column without paying tribute to Jennifer Hill, director of learning and skills here at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, who tragically died in an accident while on holiday in the Pyrenees.

Jennifer was a public servant of great distinction, an incredibly able professional, compassionate, and someone who truly epitomised the values of her profession.

Jennifer joined the council in 2012 and her work has had a very real impact on the prospects of learners of all ages. She led the education service through a recent Estyn inspection with flying colours, and helped improve the standard being achieved.

Her dedication to improving education was hugely respected and Jennifer was a key figure in the regional Central South Consortium Joint Education Service.

Jennifer's passing is an absolute tragedy and a huge loss to her family, friends and colleagues. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, and leaves a void in the service that will be extremely difficult to fill.

As a fitting epitaph, last week saw students in the Vale of Glamorgan reaching record-breaking results, again above the national average, with over 98 per cent of the pupils who took the WJEC A-Levels achieving grades A – E, higher than last year and with more than 20 per cent of all pupils in the Vale at both A and AS-Level achieving the highest possible grades, A* or A. Jennifer leaves a positive legacy and will be sadly missed.*

However, I can't go without congratulating the pupils across the Vale on their excellent progress. They deserve the greatest credit and I am sure they each took great satisfaction in seeing their hard work and study pay off. I wish them all well in the future, wherever that takes them.

I should also praise the dedicated teachers and support staff who educate our young people and who prepare them for these tough examinations, in the right environment to support their learning.

That is why this administration over the last four years has had its policy of providing both pupils and teachers with first class learning environments. We have opened a state-of-the-art facility in the Penarth Learning Community and improved a countless number of school buildings at sites across the Vale.

To see the work for ourselves this month, Coun Lis Burnett, the cabinet member for education, and I visited a few of the sites where work is being undertaken at Gwenfo Primary School and Barry Comprehensive School, which are progressing well with the work on the new Llantwit Major Learning Community, which is ahead of schedule. It's good to see policies working and achieving a better learning environment for our pupils and staff.

The Vale of Glamorgan is fortunate to have some beautiful green spaces and I would like to put on record my thanks to the Vale's parks team for their success in this year's Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Awards. The Vale now has eight Green Flag parks, a fantastic achievement considering that we had only one in 2009, and one that puts us third in Wales for the quality of our green spaces, and a great achievement for everyone involved.

In terms of leisure facilities, Jenner Park has a new 3G pitch, but work is due to start during this year on other new 3G pitches near the Colcot Sports Centre along with another that will become available in 2017, at the new Llantwit Major school. The council's investment in sporting facilities doesn't stop there either, as work starts in September to upgrade the changing rooms at Barry and Penarth leisure centres.

Sticking with sport, albeit further afield, over the past few weeks I have enjoyed much of the Olympics and would like to congratulate the outstanding GB team and the Vale of Glamorgan's very own Hannah Mills, who has won gold in Rio to add to the silver medal she won in 2012.

Hannah's success is an inspiration to all young athletes in the Vale and she is someone who is truly rooted in the local community.

I would remind everyone that there are funding opportunities to assist with developing sports activities within the Vale, and a number of grants are available for sports clubs, including the Community Chest grant and Glamorgan Voluntary Services Funding (GVS).

There are also development grants available from Sport Wales; the Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme; the Co-operative Community Dividend Scheme and finally the Dickie Bird Foundation, details of which can be found on the council's website.

I would also like to thank the volunteers in the Sully and Lavernock Community Library Trust, who have this month become the first voluntary group to take over the running of one of the Vale's community libraries.

The transfer of Sully Library to the group is the culmination of two years of hard work from all sides. Seeing the facility transferred to such an enthusiastic and determined group gives me every confidence that it will go from strength-to-strength and I look forward to working to help them fulfil their ambition of widening access to the community library's services.

Finally, and being absolutely honest, I know that I am sometimes criticised for building up the council, for which I make no apology believing it to be true. However, I also accept that sometimes things don't always go to plan, but when that happens, we do our best to put them right.

An example has been during the last couple of weeks when we changed some household waste collection days. The inevitable disruption and change can sometimes be troublesome for a few weeks until routes bed in, as in this case.

However, I would emphasise that they rationalise old collection routes that had become ineffective and outdated. The new zonal collection arrangements will ensure we manage our collection fleet more efficiently and provides the opportunity to coordinate other services more effectively.

The new collection rounds collect all waste and recycling material on a rotation basis, starting in the western Vale and working towards the east throughout the week. The changes were planned to be able to meet demand, but have created some unforeseen issues.

However, as we continue to reassess the collection rounds by learning from the practical experiences gained, we will ensure that an improved version of our normally regular and reliable service is delivered as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please bear with us and if we miss your collection please inform the council, so we can put it right. More information and explanation can be found on the website.

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

'Slavery in Wales is bigger problem than in parts of England'

SLAVERY and trafficking in Wales is worse than in many parts of England, it was claimed this week.

A Salvation Army report revealed that 62 people were given support between April 2015 and March 2016 – up from the eight people who were reported to have received support between July 2011 and June 2012, marking a 675 per cent rise.

Commenting on the report, entitled 'Anti Trafficking and Modern Slavery yearly reports', Mark Isherwood, a Welsh Conservative AM, said:

"It is clear from the report that slavery and trafficking is a bigger problem here than in a number of areas in England.

"We welcome increases in the number of referrals as a sign that the UK Government's efforts to shine a light on modern slavery are working.

"During her time as Home Secretary, the Prime Minister, Theresa May, introduced the Modern Slavery Act to put slave masters behind bars, which in 2015 led to 289 prosecutions.

"Slavery has long been hidden in plain sight, and this law is designed to encourage more victims to come forward and ask for help," he added.

A perfect Vale day!

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More great photographs from Andy Wicks highlight the varied entertainment and attractions of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, held in the grounds of Fonmon Castle on August 10. Roll on next year!

VALE SHOW HORSE RESULTS

Horses

Class 74, Small hunter, mare or gelding, four years or over, exceeding 148cm – first, Mr Matt McGivern, Morriston, *Swifts Mayflower* (Chelsea Thomas).

Principality Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup – Mr Matt McGivern.

Class 75, Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years or over – first, Sue Hookham, The Cottage, Whitewall Stables, Magor, *Revenge* (Matt Ainsworth); second, Ceri Simpson; third, Mrs Amy Tough, *Dartens In Clover.*

Class 76, Middleweight hunter, mare or gelding four years and over – first, Emma Gibson, Bristol, *State of Play II* (Amy Williams); second Sue Williams, Newport, Gwent, *Because You're Worth It* (Rose Morgan); third, Mrs Rose Morgan, Kidwelly, *Main Man*.

Class 77, Heavyweight hunter, mare or gelding, four years or over – first, Emma gibson, Bristol, *Action T*; second, Matt McGivern, Morriston, *Racino Casino*.The Classic Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy – winner Emma Gibson, *State of Play II*; reserve, Sue Hookham, *Revenge* (Matt Ainsworth).

Class 78, Open local hunter, four yeasr and over – first, Mr John Llewellyn, Newlands Farm, *Hugo* (Miss Lucy Llewellyn); second, Stephanie Llewellyn, Cowbridge, *Laharden Ben*; third, Serena James, *Bluebell View*.

The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup – Mr John Llewellyn, *Hugo*.

Class 79, Open working hunter, four years and over, mare or gelding – first, Sarah Robson, *Dartens in Clover* (Mrs Amy Tough); second, Charles Morgan, Carms, *Cruising On*; third, Sarah Sargeant, Cowbridge, *By Design*.

The Bridgend Glazing & Silvering Co Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Sarah Robson, *Dartens In Clover*.

Class 80, Novice local working hunter four years and over – first, Rhiannon Thomas, Flemingston, *Charlestown Backchat*; second, Sarah Sargeant, *By Design*; third, Nicola McNabb, *Shake It Out*.

Class 81, RoR Tattersalls Show series qualifier – first, Mr Matt McGivern, *Eight Palms*; second, Mrs Maryanne Thomas, Newton, *Tostaky* (Alicia Thomas); third, Margaret Johns, Castlemorris, *Billybo* (Claire Griffiths).

Louise Birkett Commemorative Perpetual Challenge Cup – Mr Matt McGivern, *Eight Palms*.

Class 82, RoR TBA Challenge Show series qualifier – first, Jo Llewwellyn, Coychurch, *Victor Merlyn*; second, owner rider, *Freddie Lane* (Miss Bethany Jarvis); third, Mrs SH Hamer, Carms, *No Time To Chat*.

The Late Thomas Jenkins Perpetual Challenge Cup – Jo Llewellyn, *Victor Merlyn*.

Class 83, Ladies Side Saddle – first, Mrs P A Yeoman, Coity, *Bondeigh Seren Fach* (Susan Davies); second, Gemma Roberts, Glynogwr, *Touch Diamond* (Gemma Roberts); third, Sue Williams, Newport, *Because You're Worth It* (Amy Williams).

The Great House Perpetual Challenge Vase – winner, Mrs P A Yeoman, Coity, *Bondeigh Seren Fach*.

Class 84, Open Riding Horse – first, Sue Hookham, Magor, *Revelation* (Matt Ainsworth); second, P J Bertorelli, Bryncethin, *Chakravarti* (Victoria Bertorelli); third, owner rider Victoria Piper, Llantwit Major, *Primitive Shadow*.

The John and Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup – winner Sue Hookham, Magor, *Revelation* (Matt Ainsworth).

Class 85, Open cob, including maxi cobs, mare or gelding, four years and over – first, owner rider Simon Jones, Garth, *Highbury Phoenix*; second, owner rider Emma Edwards, Nant Mwth Farm, *Al Capone The Second*; third, Wayne Isaac and Emma Edwards, *Corona* (Emma Edwards).

The Mr and Mrs Christopher Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 85) – winner, owner rider Simon Jones, Garth, *Highbury Phoenix*.

Class 86, Working Show Horse – first, owner rider Jo Llewellyn, *Victor Merlyn*; second, owner rider Nicola McNabb, *Shake It Out*; third, P J Bertorelli, Bryncethin, *Chakravarti*, Victoria Bertorelli.

Class 87, The BSPS mixed height novice working hunter ponies – first, Mrs Marion Holder, *Brillview Quelle Surprise* (Grace Gardner).

The Snaffles Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 87) – winner, Mrs Marion Holder, *Brillview Quelle Surprise* (Grace Gardner).

Class 88, the BSPS mixed height novice open working hunter ponies, intermediate – first, Mrs Pat Falkener, Crucorney, *Kilmore Prince Charming* (Bonnie Probert Price).

The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of Class 88) – Winner, Mrs Pat Faulkener, Crucorney, *Kilmore Prince Charming* (Bonnie Probert Prince).

Working Hunter Pony Championship – winner, Mrs Pat Faulkener, Crucorney, *Kilmore Prince Charming* (Bonnie Probert Prince); reserve, Mrs Marion Holder, *Brillview Quelle Surprise* (Grace Gardner).

Class 89, BSPS Heritage Mountain and Moorland Open Lead Rein mare or gelding – first, S E Bigley, Bonvilston, *Wait With Wild Apricot*; second, Mr W H Walters, Swansea, *Zonneweide Diamond Jubilee*; third, Mrs Pat Falkener, Crucorney, *Cefngorwedd Sioni*.

Class 90, BSPS Heritage Mountain and Moorland first ridden mare or gelding – first, Mrs Pat Falkener, Crucorney, *Hope Ghosts Little Boy* (Bonnie Probert Price); second, Mrs Keeley Hewitt, *Flo* (Alexandra Fenner); third, Serena James, *Witro Cashmere* (Claire Brown).

Mountain and Moorland Champion

M T Morgan Cup to the winner of the championship – Champion, S E Bigley, Bonvilston, *Wait With Wild Apricot*; reserve, Mrs Pat Falkener, Crucorney, *Hope Ghosts Little Boy* (Bonnie Probert Price).

Class 91, BSPS Heritage Mountain and Moorland Open Ridden class; registered pure bred Welsh section A and B – first, Serena James, *Witro Cashmere* (Claire Brown); second, Mrs Pat Falkener, Crucorney, *Hope Ghosts Little Boy* (Bonnie Probert Price); third, Mrs Keeley Hewitt, *Little Miss Muffett* (Serena James).

Class 92, BSPS Heritage Mountain and Moorland open ridden class, registered pure bred Welsh section C and D – first, J C Davies, Abergavenny, *Havodyrynys Braveheart* (Jackie Davies); second, Miss I Lloyd Thomas, Aberystwyth, *Tyrllawn Master Class* (Iola Lloyd Hughes); third, Sadie Robertson, Barry, *Parc Twm Shanco* (Shannon Close).

Mountain and Moorland Champion

Mrs G R Lewis Challenge Cup for the Winner of the Championship – champion, J C Davies, Abergavenny, Hafodyrynys Braveheart (Jackie Davies).

Class 93, Open Youngstock Qualifier, 1, 2 or 3 years – Denise David, Llantwit Major, *Hopgarden Ronaldo*; owner rider Rachel Morgans, Clydach, Hollyland Ace of Hearts.

Class 94, Open in-hand qualifier – first, Claire Deren, *Ruby's Lass* (Leila Deren); second, Naomi Clatworthy, Blackmill, *Nobby,* (Ella Clatworthy); third, Mrs R Royle, Penylan, *Castellfryn Malachite*.

Class 95, Open ridden qualifier – first, W H Williams, Blackmill, *Abbeylands Picasso* (Tracey Bertorelli); second, S Trusler, *Rostor Jaegermeister* (Amy Tough); third, owner rider Robert Luke, Haverfordwest, *Mississippi Mud Pie*.

Coloured Championship

M & S Cuddy Perpetual Challenge Trophy – winner, W H Williams, Blackmill, *Abbeylands Picasso* (Tracey Bertorelli).

Class 96, Welsh Mountain pony yearling – first, Mrs C A Owen, *Crumpwell Blue Opal* (Catherine Owen); second, K & J Sheil, Llangynog, *Dukeshill Phoebe*; third, Dr Wynne and David Davies, *Ceulan Cazib*.

Class 97, Welsh Mountain pony, 2 or 3 years old – first, owner rider Catherine Owen, *Crumpwell Blue Ruby*; second, Martyn David, Frampton, *Briolen Cindy*; third, David Huw Francis, Gowerton, *Cefn Gorwedd Maggie May*.

Class 98, Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare, 4 years or over – first, David Huw Francis, Gowerton, *Bwmmeudwy Lodes*; second, Mr and Mrs Donati, Groes Faen, *Penllyn Cameo*.

Class 99, Welsh Mountain Pony, mare or gelding – first, & J Sheil, Llangynog, *Dukeshill Piquante*; second, W K Hughes, Three Crosses, *Bryn Odyn Susannah*; third, owner rider Arwel Edwards, *Hope Holly*.

Class 100, Welsh Mountain Pony Foal – first, S Roberts, Pencoedcae, *Ffordd Ddu Giovani*; second, Mr and Mrs Donati, Groes Faen, *Milwas Calon Haf*.

Class 101, Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion – first, Dr Wynne and David Davies, *Ysselvliedts Irresistible*; second, owner rider Catherine Owen, *Brynrodyn Bedwyr*; third, Mrs S Smith, Bettws, *Caebandi Dewi Sant,* Morgan Smith.

Welsh Mountain Ponies Championship in Section A

The Penllyn Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Animal in Section A – Champion, K & J Sheil, Llangynog, *Dukeshill Piquante*; reserve, Dr Wynne and David Davies, *Ysselvliedts Irresistible*.

The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare – winner, K & J Sheil, Llangynog, *Dukeshill Piquante*; reserve, David Huw Francis, Gowerton, *Cwmmeudwy Lodes*.

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best Welsh Mountain Pony three years or over – winner, owner rider Catherine Owen, *Crumpwell Blue Ruby*; reserve, Dr Wynne and David Davies, *Ceuan Cazib*.

Class 102, Welsh Pony yearling – first, Serena James, Parkview Cottages, *Gigman Jeraboam*; second, Sue Easton, Pontrhydyfen, *Gigman Sophia*; third, Mr WH Walters, Swansea, *Linksbury Mysterious Girl*; Sue Easton, *Gigman On The Razz*.

Class 103, Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old – first D & M Townsend, Cwmbran, *Gigman Queen of Jazz* (Miss Michelle Townsend); second Mrs June Marsh, Beddau, *Jula Golden Light;* third Laura Evans, North cornelly, *Gigman Lois Lane*.

Class 104, Welsh Pony, mare or gelding four years or over – first Miss F Leadbitter, Ystradowen, *Cwrt Y Cadno Cyfrinach*; second Mrs Gail Butler, Maendy, *Penway Perl*; third Mr DR Morgan & Miss HJ Morgan, Aberdare, *Rosedale Black Gold* (Hannah Morgan).

Class 105 Welsh Pony foal – first Miss F Leadbitter, *Thornberry May Time*; second Miss F Leadbitter, *Thornberry Let's Dance*.

The Thornberry Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best animal in section B – champion Miss F Leadbitter, *Cwrt Y Cadno Cyfrinach*; reserve Serena James, *Gigman Jeraboam*.

Class 107 Mare or gelding, 4 years or over – first Mr Rodger Davies, Ebbw Vale, *Hywi Pollyanna*; second D Groom c/o Walters, Tredegar, *Blaencila Rhianna*.

Class 108 Foal – first D Groom, *Dorney Row Mary Jane*.

Class 109 Yearling – first G Moffatt c/o Walters, Tredegar, *Pwllmelin Isabella*; second Glyn Anderson, Cardiff, *Tyntyla Pom Pom*.

Class 110 Welsh Pony of Cob type, 2 or 3 years old – first Mr Rodger Davies, *Hywi Moon Lady*; second Arwel Edwards, Ammanford, *Dycott The News Maker*.

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section C

The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best animal in section C – champion and reserve Mr Rodger Davies.

Class 112 Welsh Cob yearling – first O & RJ Bentley, Gedw Gwynion Caio, Nantwood Briallen (Mr Owen Bentley); second Mr & Mrs A Booth, *Rainhill Megan* (Mr Anthony Booth); third Mrs Claire Davies, Ynysybwl, *Tirygelli Glitx 'n Glamour* (Ruth Coombs).

Class 113 Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old – first Meirion, Diane & Caleb Evans, Cynwyl Elfed, *Gwynfaes Cyleddon Wedig*; second M Record c/o Walters, Tredegar, *Pennal Tywysog Cymru*.

Class 114 Welsh Cob, mare or gelding 4 years or over – first Mr Anthony Booth, *Nantwood Rowan*; second Chris Best, Barry, *Clwydiewyn Ruby*; third Rebecca Williams, Longford, *Glantraeth Julie's Treasure*.

Class 115 Welsh Cob foal – first Chris Best, *Clwydiewyn Princess Leia*.

Class 116 Welsh Cob stallion, 4 years or over – Mr R Walters, *Alltwallis Iago*.

Welsh Ponies Championship in section D

Champion Meirion, Diane & Caleb Evans, *Gwynfaes Cyleddon Wedig*; reserve Mr Anthony Booth, *Nantwood Rowan*.

Welsh Ponies Championship in sections A, B, C & D

The Mrs Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup for best animal in sections A, B, C & D – champion Mr Rodger Davies; reserve K & J Sheil, Llangynog, *Dukeshill Piquante*.

Class 119 Barren mare or gelding 4 years old and over – first Ms J Byrne, Cadoxton, *Kenvig Lola*; second Nicola Brown, Barry, *Illtyd Lady Model*.

Class 122 Stallion 4 years old and over – Mrs M Newton, Abergavenny, *Sharptor Diego* (Miss Karen Warren).

Class 123 Ridden class, 4 years and over, or or off lead rein, Shetland minis and standards – champion Mrs Newton; reserve A Philip.

Class 124 Brood/barren mare or gelding 4 years and over – first Elaine Smith, Llanmaes, *Shalaine Rose Coloured*; second Mr & Mrs P Jones, *Timberland Fairy Glamour Girl* (Mrs Yvette Jones); third Mrs R Royle, Cowbridge, *Castellfryn Malachite*.

Class 125 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for best foal class 594 yearling colt, filly or gelding to 34" at maturity – first Mr & Mrs P Jones, *Kerswell Malibu* (Mrs Yvette Jones); second M & Mrs P Jones, *Kerswell Louanna* (Mrs Yvette Jones).

Class 126 Two or 3-year colt or filly to 34" Shetland Pony Stud Book Society – first Mrs Julie Nicholas, *Birchwood Panda*; second Elaine Smith, *Hasguard Poppy*; third Mrs Julie Nicholas, *Kenvig Lottie*.

Class 127 Stallion 4 years and over to 34" – first Mrs M Newton, *Cheslyn Quartz* (Miss Karen Warren); second Kelly Westall, Cefn Cribbwr, *Spreytou Rambo*.

Supreme Shetland Championship award

The Morfa Girls' Perpetual Challenge Trophy for supreme Shetland Championship Award – champion Mrs Eline Smith; reserve Mrs Newton.

Class 128, Best Clamp of Silage, Major Frank Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup – first HD Hanks and Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrithyd; second TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm, Llansannor; third VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; fourth R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm, Bridgend.

Class 129, Best Bag of Silage, Fred Williams Memorial Cup – first TW Jarvis and Son; second R & L Anthony; third PC Thomas and Son, Splot Farm, Wick; fourth Gareth Rees, Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 130, Long Term Ley, George Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup – first Lyndon Joseph, Mount Pleasant Farm, Stormy Down; second TW Jarvis and Son; third MT Rees, Upper Parc Farm, Laleston; fourth RS Thomas, Sutton Newydd Farm, Wick.

Class 131, Short Term Ley, Penllyne Cricket Club Perpetual Challenge Cup – first R & L Anthony; second G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston; third VJ Thomas and Son; fourth EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place, Penmark.

Class 132, Best Field of Winter Barley, Evan Crook Memorial Cup – first R & L Anthony; second PC Thomas and Son; third TW Jarvis and Son; fourth RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm, St Athan.

Class 133, Best Field of Winter Oats, James James JP Memorial Challenge Cup – first EH Radcliffe and Son; second RJ Thomas and Son; third VJ Thomas and Son.

Class 134, Best Field of Winter Wheat, WD James Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy – first EH Radcliffe and Son; second R & L Anthony; third G Anthony and Son; fourth RJ Thomas and Son.

Class 135 Best Field of Spring Barley, Vale Show Perpetual Challenge Cup – first VJ Thomas and son; second TW Jarvis and Son; third RE Brown, New Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; fourth WD James, The Grange, Wick.

Class 136, Best Winter Oil Seed Crop, Gwyn Jervis Perpetual Challenge Cup – first RJ Thomas and son; second PC Thomas and Son; third Penllyn Estate Farm, Penllyn, Cowbridge; fourth WD James and Son.

Class 137, Best Field of Beans, Robert Morgan Perpetual Challenge Cup – first VJ Thomas and Son; second WD James and Son; third EH Radcliffe and Son; fourth IG Jeffries, East Monkton, Wick.

Class 139, Best Field of Spring Wheat – first R & L Anthony; second HD Hanks and Son, Ty Ganol Farm, Llantrithyd; third RS Thomas and Son; fourth Gareth Rees.

Class 140, Best Field of Maize, AR Thomas Perpetual Challenge cup – first R & L Anthony; second E Williams and Son, Old Parc Farm, Margam; third EH Radcliffe and Son; fourth Penllyn Estate Farm.

Class 141, Best Clamp of Maize Silage – first R & L Anthony; second EH Radcliffe and Son; third VJ Thomas and Son; fourth ET Adams, Ty Uchaf, Llantrithyd.

Class 144, Bale of Meadow Hay – first Thomas and Walter, Haxland; second Howard Evans, Llanbad Fach, Brynna; third TR Harris, Redlands, Bonvilston.

Class 146 10 kilos Wheat – first Thomas, Gileston; second R & L Anthony; third Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 147 10 kilos Oats – first Thomas, Gilestone; second Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 148 10 kilos Barley – first James, Grange, Wick; second Thomas, Gileston; third Radcliffe, Penmark.

Edward John Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for best trade stand mainly supplying goods and services to the agricultural industry – David Evans.

Gale Martin Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best trade stand mainly supplying goods and services to the general public – Topstak.

Best Trade Stand Exhibiting in the Craft Fair Marquee – first Amanda Price, Llaugammarch Wells Downs; second Davie Price, Puddlebrook, Glos; third Joan Gravell, Carmarthen.

Best Vintage Tractor on Display at the Vale Show – first Robert Christopher Biddle, Cowbridge.

David Synan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup – Robert Christopher Biddle.

Readers' Letters

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Bring message of the harvest home

WHILST not all of your readers are churchgoers, and many are probably not even Christian, we should all perhaps be grateful for the harvest.

In this area of splendid farming land, a little nod of appreciation to our farmers and shepherds would not go amiss.

Might I, through The GEM, ask your readers to send in details of harvest festivals in and around the Vale of Glamorgan and to follow this up with photos from churches and schools?

We need our farmers, and to back them and Welsh farming, now more than ever.

James Badger

Punch and Judy: show or no show?

I NOTE with interest from last week's GEM photographs (page 22), that there was a Punch and Judy show at the recent Vale Show in Fonmon.

Considering the event is supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and the vice-president of the show is the Vale Mayor, can somebody please explain why this was allowed to be performed, when just a few months ago, councillors foolishly banned Punch and Judy from appearing at Barry Island for a public event?

Punch and Judy shows are traditional British seaside culture. It seems wrong to ban it from the seaside, yet allow it to be performed at a similar event in a different location, just because it suits.

Who makes these rules up, and who decides when and where boundaries are crossed?

It all sounds very hypocritical to me.

Jonathan Osborne
(FocusBarry member)

ARCHBISHOP OF WALES (*an 'extraordinary servant'*) IS TO RETIRE

THE Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, will retire next year after nearly 14 years at the helm of the Church in Wales and 24 years as a bishop.

Dr Morgan, who is the longest serving archbishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion and also one of the longest serving bishops, will retire on his 70th birthday at the end of January.

He will also retire as Bishop of Llandaff after more than 17 years' service, having previously been Bishop of Bangor for nearly seven years. He will continue his work and engagements in both roles as normal until then.

Announcing his retirement, Dr Morgan, who lost his wife, Hilary, to cancer early this year, said: "It has been an enormous privilege to serve as Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff and to do so during such a momentous era in Welsh life.

"Over the years I have seen Wales grow in self-confidence as a nation and I now have every hope that this will be nurtured and enriched with the continued support of the Church in Wales."

During his tenure as Archbishop, Dr Morgan has championed many changes in the Church in Wales, including a change in its law to enable women to be ordained as bishops and the implementation of a radical strategy, 2020 Vision, to help the church grow and prosper in the approach to its centenary year.

He has also played a prominent role in public life, campaigning most notably for a fair devolution settlement for the Welsh Government and speaking out on matters of moral concern.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said, "Barry was one of those on the interviewing panel for my appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury, and was notable for the quality and courtesy of the questions he asked.

"Barry has been an extraordinary servant of those places where he has ministered, of the Church in Wales and of the whole Anglican Communion. We will miss him very deeply indeed."

Originally from the small mining village of Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen in the Swansea valley, Dr Morgan was elected as the 12th Archbishop of Wales in 2003, following Dr Rowan Williams' appointment as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

'ROADS NOT JUST FOR MOTORISTS' ALONE' – *says reader*

AS someone who rarely feels the need to put pen to paper, I feel compelled to respond to your recent reader's letter titled '*Why my heart sinks at news of Team GB's Olympic cycling haul*'.

Unfortunately, this somewhat provocative letter is typical of the antagonistic attitude of many drivers who feel somehow inconvenienced by the presence of a growing number of cyclists on our roads.

As someone who is both a regular cyclist and a motorist, I despair at the simplistic 'them and us' approach adopted by many in the so-called 'motorists versus cyclists' debate.

I cycle not only for recreational reasons (usually in a group at weekends, no doubt much to the irritation of your reader), but also once or twice a week to my place of work (a round trip of approximately 60 miles) when time and weather permit.

By doing so, not only am I making a significant personal saving in fuel costs, but I am also reducing pollution and congestion on our busy roads.

Likewise, I am causing less wear and tear on our already-poorly maintained roads, despite paying the same Vehicle Excise Duty ('road tax') per year as drivers who only ever drive to their place of work.

In reality, our road infrastructure is funded by income tax payers and council tax payers – not motorists – meaning that tax-paying cyclists like myself are actually subsidising drivers, like your reader to use the roads while I am riding my bicycle.

This is especially ironic when you consider that one of the common rants of the anti-cyclist driver is "I pay my road tax, you cyclists should get off the road, unless you pay road tax as well..."

To return to your reader's letter, the writer demonstrates an ignorance of not only the accepted benefits of a wider adoption of cycling, but also the reality of being a cyclist on our roads and having to contend with motorists who share his attitudes.

Firstly, in relation to the wider financial benefit to the nation and in particular, the NHS, numerous studies have shown potential for significant cost benefits as a result of an increase in cycling.

Estimates range from a projected £250m benefit to the NHS if one in 10 journeys were made by bicycle (*https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2014/feb/10/cycling-save-nhs-250m-year-report*) to as much as £1.6bn a year if the UK were to adopt a coordinated approach to increasing cycling take-up (*http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/public/cyclesafety/article3789794.ece)*.

Secondly, in relation to the presence and conduct of groups of recreational cyclists referred to by your reader, I am inclined to remind him that the roads are not paid for and provided purely for the benefit of motorists alone.

This means that all road users have a responsibility to accommodate each other. As cyclists, the highway codes advocates riding two abreast "*where it is safe to do so*", for the simple reason that a group of cyclists riding two abreast is actually easier and safer for a car to overtake where it is safe to do so.

In other words, drivers should wait behind a group of cyclists until a point where it is safe to overtake, at which point the overtaking manoeuvre may be completed in a shorter distance than if the same group of cyclists were riding in a long single file line.

At the same time, as cyclists we need to be sensitive to occasions where riding two abreast can cause delays to occur (such as on narrow roads where it would not be safe for a vehicle to overtake, even when the road ahead is clear).

In those situations, I agree that cyclists should act responsibly and single out to enable any vehicles behind to overtake at a safe location.

Finally, on the subject of cycle lanes and cycle paths referred to by your reader, I must also confess to a real sense of frustration in the way that these schemes are conceived and implemented.

The recent cycle path scheme between Barry and Culverhouse Cross is a perfect case in point: an expensive, fragmented approach to providing a dedicated cycle path (in places) that does little to serve the needs of either motorists or cyclists.

As a motorist, I was painfully aware of the disruption that occurred for months while the scheme was being built, the considerable costs incurred and the resulting narrower roadway that has resulted.

Likewise, as a cyclist, we have been provided with a cycle path that does not meet our needs – the path has multiple dangerous transitions across side roads and property exits, has a surface that is lethal in wintry (icy) conditions, and does not even provide a continuous route between both locations.

Hence the majority of cyclists choose not to use it, to the wrath of some motorists; despite we, as cyclists, having not been consulted as to whether or not it would be of any benefit to us in the first place!

Ultimately, however, until motorists' attitudes such as those of your reader can be tackled, the presence of an increasing number of cyclists on our roads will only serve as an increasing irritant to those drivers who see the road as their sole domain.

J Vincent,
Barry.

Cyclist replies to the controversy

I WAS disappointed to read Mr Walton's letter in The GEM, regarding his dismay at the success of Britain's cyclists in Rio. I would like to offer a cyclist's point of view on some of the points he raises:

His first point is that cyclists are allowed to "play" on public highways...

In fact, the roads are built for general use; with the exception of motorways and some dual carriageways, they are not for the reserve of cars, they are for cyclists, motorists, horses, tractors, pedestrians – all have equal rights.

His next issue is cyclists riding abreast. That, I'm afraid, is due to ignorance of cycling safety, and the rules that motorists should follow when passing slower users.

When overtaking a cyclist (or horse rider, tractor, caravan or any slower vehicle), a driver should leave space.

By cycling side by side, the cyclists are halving the length of the line to get past, and ensuring that vehicles do not attempt it until safe to do so.

I understand the frustration of seeing a cyclist break rules with no accountability, but compulsory registration is not the answer.

Mr Walton has stereotyped all cyclists based on the actions of a minority.

Such a scheme would prove massively costly to administer and enforce, and while there are some tragedies caused by unsafe cycling the number of injuries, in particular serious injuries, is extremely low.

As for cycle lanes, were they planned and built correctly most cyclists would be happy to use them,

Unfortunately, in the UK, they are often mixed with pavements, stop at every side junction, get blocked by parked cars, and are sometimes covered in broken tarmac and assorted detritus that can cause punctures.

To all frustrated car drivers, please remember that as a cyclist you are a vulnerable road user; it is easy to feel defensive when accused.

Andrew Adamson,
Narberth.

'Time to set a date for Brexit'

I AM sure that I am not your only reader who has had their faith in the British democratic system shaken to the core by the fallout from the EU In/Out Referendum.

With two months having now passed, still the British people are no wiser as to when, or indeed, if, Britain is going to leave the EU.

This is despite over 17 million voters opting to vote Leave... the majority.

I have emailed the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, to request that he encourages the Prime Minister to set a date for the initiation of Article 50; thus bringing an element of certainty once more.

As yet, I have had no reply.

Despite its tiny size, Britain is the fifth-largest trading nation in the world and one to which hundreds of immigrants held at bay by the English Channel, wish to enter. France, and the rest of mainland Europe, is clearly not good enough for them.

I was hoping for a massive majority vote either way in the Referendum, as only that would have put the issue of the EU to bed.

The regional majority vote has left the country even more divided than it was before the Referendum was announced.

It has resulted in members of the current Government being seen not to believe in our (once?) great country.

Surely they can only blame themselves for any shortcomings that it has? After all, they were the ones responsible for introducing the policies that have made it so.

The EU Referendum felt like a David-versus-Goliath battle of the little man against a giant.

The part of the Government that supported David Cameron's wish to remain in the EU used every resource at its disposal to try to scare people into voting to remain in the EU.

Multi-national corporations did their bit; some even emailing their employees to suggest that their jobs were at stake should Britain regain its independence.

'Project Fear' worked during the Scottish referendum, but I believe this was the wrong tactic for the EU Referendum. It has led to a deep bitterness on both sides of the argument.

As a normal working guy with a mortgage, Project Fear did not work on me. It simply left me with a disgust for the so-called political elite.

I believe that given the lies on both sides, my vote was the safest option to safeguard my job, my home and my community.

Maybe a more positive campaign would have persuaded me otherwise – but I, for one, have faith in our Britain, unlike many who purport to lead it.

Our Government is now left with the one clear task of re-unifying Britain. We now need only positive politicians that believe in our country. We need *leaders*, not career politicians.

The debate in Westminster on having a second EU Referendum, which I understand is to take place in September, should not happen. Period.

It will set a precedent, and further undermine the British people's belief in democracy. The cost alone will be considerable in these times of austerity and cuts to public services.

A second referendum will adversely affect democracy, whatever the result; and what then – particularly if the result is the same; a Leave majority?

Should we have two or three general elections each time, until the Government of the day wins it?

Democracy means that someone wins, and someone doesn't.

Britain is not a tin-pot dictatorship. The Government should now set a date and get on with the job they were asked to do; to Brexit!

Only that will bring certainty to the economy and start to move Britain forwards once more.

Anything less will damage the British democratic process that is held in esteem across the world.

Name and address withheld.

'No problem with waste collection'

I FIND it hard to understand what Coun Bertin found confusing about the recent changes to rubbish collection in the Vale.

The letter was easy enough to understand. Our rubbish has been collected on time. If some people did not have a letter, they should go online, or contact the Vale Council – not be whinging about it three weeks later.

D Coles,
Barry.

MORRISTON ORPHEUS CHOIR RAISES THE ROOF FOR MARIE CURIE CHARITY

Martyn Hurst (Cowbridge Fundraising Group); Georgina Burke (community fundraiser, Marie Curie); and John Mitchell, chairman of the Morriston Orpheus Choir.

Morriston Orpheus Choir in full song in the Bradenstoke Hall, St Donats.

A four-week-old raffle prize winner!

IT was billed as 'a picnic concert on the lawn at St Donats', but the summer of 2016 failed to get the message and the rain came down instead.

More than 200 attendees picnicked in the St Donats Arts Centre café and were then entertained by the Caradog String Quartet and 66 members of the Morriston Orpheus Choir in the magnificent setting of the Bradenstoke Hall.

The event was organised by the Cowbridge fundraising group for the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth and even though the sun didn't shine on Sunday, August 21, the afternoon was deemed a great success by all – especially the wonderful programme performed by the acclaimed Morriston Orpheus Choir.

During the interval, a raffle was drawn, with prizes going to winners who ranged in age from 92 down to four weeks!

'Best ever' results for College

CARDIFF and Vale College has had its best year ever for A-Level success, a spokesperson reported.

The number of full-time learners achieving A*-C grades increased overall by three per cent.

CAVC Deputy Principal Kay Martin said: "We are thrilled that so many of our students have succeeded and achieved grades that will enable them to progress into further learning or straight into employment,"

"This is a fantastic result for the first cohort of students studying in our new Cardiff City Centre Campus."

More than 850 of the College's students progressed straight into university last year. One student who will follow in their footsteps is 18-year-old Sol Khan from Penarth.

Sol, a player in the college's Rugby Academy, studied A-Levels in history, English and Religious Education. His results have gained him a place studying history at Loughborough University.

Twenty-one-year-old Damien Moran from Barry has achieved the grades he required to go to Aberystwyth University to study Marine Biology.

Shannon Conway, 23 and from Penarth, achieved an A* in Sociology, an A Sociology and D in History.

She said: "I'm going to Cardiff University to study Human and Social Sciences."

Cardiff and Vale College has also seen strong results from its AS Level students.

Seventeen-year-old Michael Bonney from Barry achieved straight As in his AS subjects of biology, computer science, French and the Welsh Baccalaureate."

14-mile challenge in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust

FFION Powell, 14, from Bridgend is taking part in the Sandwell 'Six Towns Challenge' this bank holiday weekend in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity devoted to helping young people across the UK with cancer.

The challenge, on August 28, will involve Ffion running 14 miles, a mile for each year of her age. She will be taking on the challenge with her dad, Anthony Powell, who ran the London Marathon for Teenage Cancer Trust earlier this year.

Inspired by her dad, Ffion decided to take on the challenge for Teenage Cancer Trust because of the support that her elder sister Natasha received during her treatment at the charity's unit at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. All funds raised by Ffion will be donated to Teenage Cancer Trust in south Wales.

Anthony said: "Ffion has been looking forward to taking on this challenge. It's the furthest she will ever have run, although she has put in some training for it. The routes are all written instructions so it's going to require a bit of navigational skill as well."

Ffion Powell, 14.

Ffion hopes that she can inspire others to take on a challenge and raise awareness and funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. Anyone who would like to sponsor Ffion can do so by visiting her Just Giving page: *www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rhian-Powell3"*

Teenage Cancer Trust funds and builds specialist units in NHS hospitals and provides dedicated staff, bringing young people together so they can be treated by teenage cancer experts in the best place for them.

Traditionally treated alongside children or elderly patients at the end of their lives, young people can feel extremely isolated, some never meeting another young person with cancer. Being treated alongside others their own age can make a huge difference. Teenage Cancer Trust wants every young person with cancer to have access to this specialist support, no matter where they live.

Debbie Jones, regional fundraising manager, south Wales said: "Every day, our specialist staff are there to make sure young people with cancer and their families and friends, don't face it alone.

"But we need the help of our incredible supporters across Wales to help us do more. Currently for every young person we reach there is another we cannot. We want to be there for them all. Young people shouldn't have to face cancer alone. Together we can make sure they don't."

Fancy taking on a challenge of your own? Why not join Team Teenage Cancer and sign up to one of our Gold charity places for the Cardiff Half Marathon this October. To help transform the lives of young people with cancer visit www.teenagecancertrust.org or email us at hello@teenagecancertrust.org.

Officers support family following woman's death

SOUTH Wales Police have confirmed that the 54-year-old woman victim of an alleged assault which occurred in Glanmor Crescent, Barry, on Thursday, August 4, has died at Morriston hospital.

The family of the woman are being supported by specially trained family liaison officers.

A 68-year-old man from Penarth, Raymond O'Connell, was charged with attempted murder on August 5, and appeared at Cardiff Magistrates Court on August 6 where he was remanded to appear at Cardiff Crown Court on September 2.

Officers are now reviewing the evidence and liaising with the Crown Prosecution Service in order to consider the appropriate charges.

Looking back on a day when the Vale came together to celebrate the rural way of life!

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THE Vale of Glamorgan Show took place on August 10, but a warm memory lingers on – of a highly successful event, very well supported by the paying public.

Given that August has not been the best month, as far as weather is concerned, the organisers will still be breathing a sigh of relief that it took place in calm, pleasant conditions.

All the traditional elements were on show, from sheep shearing to home produce, and from prize rams to home-made jams.

On the commercial side, it proved to be the perfect occasion for suppliers to meet their customers, whether they were selling food, clothing, a lawnmower or even a combine harvester!

ABOVE: The sheep shearing contest was a popular attraction.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN (A4050 PORT ROAD A ST LYTHANS ROAD, GWENFÔ)

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ATOLDEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu adael i gerbyd deithio ar gyflymder sy'n fwy na 30 mya yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad	St Lythans Road, rhwng ei gyffordd â A4050 Port Road ac Old Port Road Wenfô
Rheswm	Galluogi gwaith gwella hanfodol ar y briffordd ynghyd â gwaith cysylltiedig.
Hyd	O 06:00 ar ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016, hyd at 18 mis, neu nes bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig 30 mya yn cael eu symud, pa bynnag un a ddaw yn gyntaf.

ATOLDEN 3

2. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn gyrru neu adael i gerbyd deithio mewn modd sy'n torri'r cyfyngiadau a nodir yn Atodlen 4

ATOLDEN 4

Lleoliad	Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road, i mewn i Barc Manwerthu Croes Cwrlwys wrth grid 311832 174651,
Gwyriad	Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl ar Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i mewn i'r Parc Manwerthu.
Lleoliad	Dim Troi i'r De o Barc Manwerthu Croes Cwrlwys wrth grid 311832 174651 i Port Road,
Gwyriad	Tua'r de, i'r gylchfan yn Brooklands Terrace, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl ar Port Road a pharhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road (mae'n bosibl y caiff traffig ei ailgyfeirio heibio Cyffordd Brooklands Terrace i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road lle y caiff ei gyfeirio i wneud "Troad U" yn ôl i lawr Port Road).
Lleoliad	Troi i'r Chwith yn unig o Brooklands Terrace i Port Road,
Gwyriad	Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i St Lythans Road neu barhau ar hyd Port Road.
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Gwyriad	Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Brooklands Terrace neu barhau ar hyd Port Road.
Lleoliad	Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road i Brooklands Terrace,
Gwyriad	Tua'r gogledd, i'r gylchfan wrth Croes Cwrlwys, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan a theithio'n ôl i lawr Port Road a pharhau tua'r de ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Brooklands Terrace.
Lleoliad	Dim Troi i'r Dde o Port Road i St Lythans Road,
Gwyriad	Tua'r de, i'r gylchfan yn Quarry Road, yna o gwmpas y gylchfan ac yn ôl i Port Road gan barhau tua'r gogledd ar hyd Port Road, a throi i'r chwith i Port Road.
Rheswm	Galluogi gwaith gwella hanfodol ar y briffordd ynghyd â gwaith cysylltiedig.
Hyd	O 06:00 ar ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016, hyd at 18 mis, neu nes bydd yr Arwyddion Traffig Dim Troi i'r Dde/Troi i'r Chwith yn Unig yn cael eu symud, pa bynnag un a ddaw yn gyntaf.

EMBARGO Y NADOLIG

Ni fydd unrhyw un o'r cyfyngiadau uchod mewn grym o ddydd Llun 5 Medi 2016 Tan ddydd Iau 6 Ionawr 2017

Dyddiedig 25 Awst 2016.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(A4050 PORT ROAD AND ST LYTHANS ROAD, WENVOE)

(30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN AND LEFT TURN ONLY (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	St Lythans Road, between its junctions with the A4050 Port Road and Old Port Road Wenvoe
Reason	To allow essential highway improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.
Duration	From 06:00Hrs on Monday 5th September 2016, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to contravene the restrictions specified in Schedule 4

SCHEDULE 4

Location	No Right Turn from Port Road, into the Culverhouse Cross Retail Park at grid 311832 174651,
Diversion	Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into the retail Park.
Location	No Right Turn from the Culverhouse Cross Retail Park at grid 311832 174651 onto Port Road,
Diversion	Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Brooklands Terrace, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road (it is possible that for a time the diverted traffic will be diverted on past the Brooklands Terrace Junction to the roundabout at Quarry Road, where it will be directed to "U Turn" back onto Port Road).
Location	Left Turn Only from Brooklands Terrace onto Port Road,
Diversion	Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Quarry Road, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into St Lythans Road or continuing along Port Road.
Location	Left Turn Only from St Lythans Road onto Port Road,
Diversion	Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into Brooklands Terrace or continuing along Port Road.
Location	No Right Turn from Port Road into Brooklands Terrace,
Diversion	Will be in a northerly direction, to the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a southerly direction along Port Road, then turning left into Brooklands Terrace.
Location	No Right Turn from Port Road into St Lythans Road,
Diversion	Will be in a southerly direction, to the roundabout at Quarry Road, then around the roundabout and back onto Port Road and continuing in a northerly direction along Port Road, and turning left into Port Road.
Reason	To allow essential Highway improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.
Duration	From 06:00Hrs on Monday 5th September 2016, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the No Right Turn / Left Turn Only Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

CHRISTMAS EMBARGO

None of the above restrictions shall be in place from Monday 5th December 2016, Until Thursday 6th January 2017

Dated this 25th day of August 2016.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Vale of Glamorgan Football League got off to a flyer on a blustery and wet first weekend of the season.

The conditions were autumnal rather than balmy summer weather but it didn't prevent the drama unfolding.

The big game of the day saw Rhoose and Barry Athletic share eight goals in an entertaining 4-4 draw. In another nail-biter Dinas Powys Athletic saw out a 4-3 win against Masons Moving Group.

Last season's runners-up St Athan battled to a 3-2 home victory over Island Marine, while newly-promoted Tynewydd and Vale United picked up where they left off in division one with opening day wins.

Tynewydd ran out 2-1 winners over Penarth Town, while Vale United took the east Vale derby spoils with a 2-0 triumph over Cowbridge Town.

In Division One, last season's champions Cogan Coronation went down to an opening day defeat, losing 3-2 to FC Pumas. Newly-promoted Dockers received a baptism of fire as Barry Belgrade defeated them 5-2 while Sully Sports notched a thrilling 4-3 win over Cardiff Airport.

Newly-named SP Billy got life in division one off to a flyer after last season's relegation, running in a 5-0 win against Glenbrook.

Meanwhile, in division two, the big story of the day was BVFC, relegated from division one last season after losing all of their 22 games.

It showed the character of the club to keep going and they reaped the rewards with a thrilling 5-4 victory over Rhoose B.

Two other tightly-contested games saw Barry Albion winning 3-2 against FC Pumas B and Barry Saints triumphed by the same scoreline against Island Marine B. Last season's third-placed team, Cadoxton Imps, registered a comfortable 4-1 win over St Athan B.

This week sees four midweek games in division two on Wednesday being played at Barry Sports Centre, Maslin Park and Cwrt Y Vil.

This weekend sees a full schedule of fixtures with Vale United hosting St Athan and Barry Athletic facing Dinas Powys Athletic standing out. **HD**

FUN FOOTIE IN THE PARK

VICTORIA PARK hosted the annual Vale of Glamorgan football fun day recently, with many children drawn to the popular event.

Organised by the Vale Council's Sport Development team, in conjunction with the parks department, it was part of Vale's Olympic Plan for young people of all ages to be more physically active.

A spokesman said: "With over 60 participants attending the event, there were some fantastic ball skills and team work – inspired by the recent success of the men's Welsh team in France, and the athletes currently competing at the Olympics in Rio – on display throughout the day."

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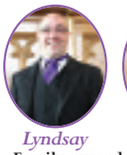

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FORD
Louis Charles

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CROOK
Margaret Rose

Suddenly but peacefully on August 11 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Margaret, aged 79 years, of Sigingstone, Cowbridge. Dearly beloved wife of the late Brian, much loved mother of Martin, Roy and the late Paul, loving nanny to Tom and Sam, a dear sister to Dennis and Eileen.

Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Llanmihangel on Tuesday, August 30 at 1pm followed by interment in the graveyard. Flowers and enquiries to Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Rd, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 6SB Tel: 01656 860545.

HUDD
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THOMAS
Alan

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He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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LEWIS
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SMITH
Joan

Diane and Paul would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended mum's funeral and for the kind donations in lieu of flowers.

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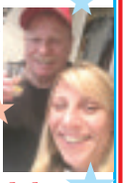

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Last week, Andy Wicks was on hand to see some of the many day-trippers enjoying a great day out.

People had come from all over south Wales and from as far away as England too.

Traders will be hoping for bumper crowds this Bank Holiday weekend.

PLAID IN CALL FOR A LABOUR COUNCILLOR TO BE EXPELLED

PLAID Cymru's Coun Shirley Hodges has called upon the Labour Party to expel Coun Rob Curtis after the Adjudication Panel for Wales suspended him for three months after he pleaded guilty to common assault of a 17-year-old girl on Skomer Island in the summer of 2014.

Coun Curtis' suspension means he cannot represent Gibbonsdown on the Vale Council.

After the Skomer Island incident, Coun Curtis initially faced a charge of sexual assault, after admitting touching the girl's leg.

He insisted his action had not been sexually motivated, and in court he accepted a charge of common assault.

He resigned from his position on the Vale Council cabinet, but continued to represent Gibbonsdown.

Coun Hodges, Plaid Cymru leader on Barry Town Council, suggested that it was impossible for Coun Curtis to continue in public life in future and that the Labour Party should take action to expel him.

She said: "It is unacceptable that a senior councillor who was a cabinet member of the Vale Council and Deputy Mayor of Barry can continue to serve after admitting assault on a teenage girl."

Coun Neil Moore, the Leader of the Vale Council, said: "I can confirm that Coun Robert Curtis has been suspended from acting as a member of the Vale Council for a period of three months, following a tribunal with the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

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GORCHYMYN (PAGET ROAD, YNYS Y BARRI (RHAN)) (CAU FFYRDD) (DROS DRO) 2016

1. Ar 25 Awst 2016, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

2. Adwaenir y Gorchymyn fel "Gorchymyn (Cau Ffyrdd) (Dros Dro) (Paget Road, Ynys y Barri (Rhan))" 2016.

ATOLDEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn peri i gerbyd modur neu ei ganiatáu i fynd yn ei flaen yn y lleoliad yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad Yr ardal i'w chau yw Paget Road, Ynys y Barri, o'i chyffordd gyda'r ffordd mynediad sy'n arwain i faes parcio Ynys y Barri (ger Clive Road), sef 311262 166786 ar y grid, ac yn parhau i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain i'w chyffordd gyda Harbour Road, sef pellter o tua 140 metr.

Rheswm: Er lles diogelwch y cyhoedd i alluogi gwaith gwella ar y gyffordd. Mae angen y cyfyngiad hwn oherwydd anawsterau peirianneg.

Hyd: O 8am 20 Awst 2016 am 18 mis ar y mwyaf

Llwybr Arall: Bydd gwyriadau gydag arwyddion ar waith trwy Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Road a Station Approach Road ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

D.S.: Caniateir mynediad i gerddwyr drwy'r amser.

Dyddiedig 25 Awst 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PAGET ROAD, BARRY ISLAND PART)) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

1. On 25th August 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Paget Road, Barry Island (Part)) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2016.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area to be closed is Paget Road, Barry Island from its junction with the access road that leads into Barry island car park (adjacent to Clive Road) at grid 311262 166786 and continuing in a south easterly direction to its junction with Harbour Road, a distance of approximately 140m.

Reason: In the interests of public safety to allow for junction improvement work to take place. This restriction is required due to engineering difficulties.

Duration: From 8am on 20th August 2016 for a maximum period of 18 months

Alt. Route: Signed diversions shall be in operation via Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Drive and Station Approach Road and vice versa.

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

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M. E. Punter,
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Mixed open draws in competitors at Wenvoe

THE August Mixed Open at Wenvoe Castle attracted entries from far and wide and early starters enjoyed the best of the weather, but wet and windy conditions gradually prevailed and severely tested the spirit of those going out in the afternoon.

The sometimes heavy rain provided a stern test of both the excellent drainage of the course and immaculate greens, but the course remained open for play.

Several competitors preferred to return to the drier conditions of the club house but full credit to those who continued to play in the challenging conditions and some excellent scores were recorded.

The winners of the visitors' prize were Alistair and Leslie McLeod of Hillingdon Golf Club who made the considerable journey from Middlesex and played exceptionally well to post the top score of 37 points.

They were each rewarded with a voucher of £100.

Close behind were the runners-up Mark and Debbie Hudman of Cardiff and Whitchurch Golf Clubs who also scored well with 36 points and were rewarded with £70 vouchers.

The winners of the prize for Wenvoe Castle members were Meirion Evans and Sheila Morrow who posted a remarkable score of 39 points and each won a £100 voucher.

It was so close and needed a countback over the final nine holes to separate them from the runners-up Pip smith and Lyn Williams who each received a £70 voucher.

The nearest pin prize for the ladies was contested on the ninth hole and Rosina Jenkins from Pontypridd Golf Club was a clear winner putting the ball just 6ft 1in from the hole.

The men had the more difficult challenge of the 200 yard 15th hole and Wenvoe Castle member Ian Henderson took the prize with the ball measured at 19ft 4in from the hole.

Club president Colin Champ presented the prizes and thanked all those who took part in such challenging conditions.

It was a testament to the work of the green keeping staff that the course was able to remain open under such pressure

The president also thanked the ladies section for their considerable support with registration and starting throughout the long day, and similarly the excellent service provided by the bar and catering staff all making the event a success.

The golf club was delighted with the support for the competition and new members are particularly welcome to enjoy the experience of playing such a fine course and using the excellent facilities.

More information is available from the club secretary, Nicola Sims, on 02920 594371.

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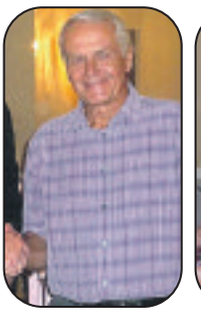

ABOVE LEFT: Mixed open - men's nearest the pin winner.
ABOVE RIGHT: Mixed open day Wenvoe winners.

Cadoxton bowls report

THE result of the annual friendly match with Bridgwater was not important.

The occasion was to celebrate the formation of both clubs at the same time in 1908. The event this year was played with mixed teams of ladies and gents.

The weather was overcast, but the rain stayed away and a good-humoured afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Old friendships from previous years were renewed, and new ones formed. The Bridgwater captain said on behalf of their team that they are already looking forward to the return visit next season.

The performance of youngster Ewan Heppenstall paid a major part in the success of the only winning Cadoxton rink, which was skipped by John Jones. Father, Ian Heppenstall, skipped a rink and couldn't be bothered with singles. They scored two fives and two fours during their match.

Don Kuhnell's rink looked as if they would never score, after a single on the opening end. However, late in the game an end was turned over from seven shots down to four up, to start a mini revival.

Derek Jeffries had a similar one-shot start but it wasn't until the eleventh end before a five gave hope of a comeback, but a five was conceded two ends later.

David Fanning's rink was successful on nearly half of the ends, but conceded a four and six during the game, which was the difference between the final scores.

Gordon Davies skipped his rink to a one-shot lead after eight ends, but a bad run of five defeats took away the ascendancy, and couldn't recover.

Cadoxton v Carfarthfa Castle – ML5

This game was cancelled due to the flooded state of the green, which leaves a backlog of fixtures to complete with the season coming to an end shortly.

New season nears Sully Sports RFC

THERE is just one weekend to the start of the new rugby season, and arrangements are well in hand at Sully Sports RFC.

There are good numbers training under coaches Chris Cummins and Barry Booker on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30pm at the Sully Grounds.

With a full fixture list for both first and second XVs, it is important to have as large a squad as possible, and so everyone is invited along – new, old players or those interested in taking up the great game.

Last Saturday's friendly ended in an honourable 17-17 draw with Brackla, with the last pre-season game due to be held on the this Saturday, August 27.

The opening league fixtures on Saturday, September 3, will see the first XV at home to Ferndale, and the seconds making the short trip to local rivals Old Penarthians.

Our next reunion will be a barbecue at the Sully Club, on Friday, September 9, starting at 7.30pm.

Any player/member will be most welcome, with a special invitation going out to all the current players who, by then, will have started the new season.

The event will be part of the memorial to Tom Sloman, who tragically died recently.

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Round Table sponsors Barry under-16s

WE erroneously reported last week that Barry Rotary Club had supported Barry Town United Academy under-16s as their new kit sponsors.

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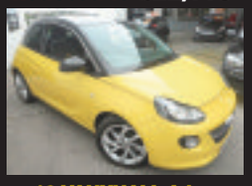

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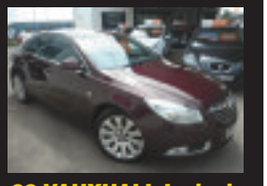

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TEAM WALES OR TEAM GB? Tory leader sparks a social media storm

LAST week, The Welsh Conservative Leader, Andrew RT Davies, offered his thoughts on the vexed question of whether Wales should be part of a GB football team at the Olympics.

Mr Davies' press release has stirred up a sporting hornets' nest among Welsh football fans.

The GEM has its own 'superfan' – film reviewer Gareth Jamieson – whose devotion to the Welsh cause at Euro 2016 took him from the bars of Bordeaux to the taverns of Toulouse (before the money ran out and he had to head home for the quarter finals).

Gareth has strong views on the 'Team Wales v Team GB' question, and here he outlines his thoughts on the future of Welsh football..

IF a week is a long time in politics, then for Andrew RT Davies, last Wednesday would have felt like a marathon.

It started with the leader of the Welsh Conservatives claiming that the development of women's football had been held back in Wales by the FAW's decision (along with the Football Associations of Scotland and Northern Ireland) to block the entry of a women's football representing Great Britain in the Olympics.

What followed was a social media outcry, largely deriding Mr Davies' stance. The main issue is the question of independence – that the home nations acquiescing to calls to unite under the Team GB banner would threaten those nations' status of competing as independent countries rather than Britain as a whole, something that FIFA allegedly would prefer as oppposed to the independence enjoyed by these teams at present.

London 2012's footballing Team GB was not without its critics, with neither team finding themselves among the medals come the end of the games, and the success of British athletes in Rio has once again stoked the debate.

But it's a reckless stance to take; for Mr Davies to claim that protecting the status of the home nations is 'petty nationalism' is itself a petty argument; while a small minority may advocate a British national team, the overwhelming majority would take against it.

Does Mr Davies really think that the men's European Championships would have been so magical for Wales and Northern Ireland fans had they been competing under the flag of the Union Jack?

Granted, the profile of women's football is not as high as it could and indeed should be, but to cheapen the home nations by distilling them into one simply doesn't work. Four years ago, the women's footballing Team GB squad was made up of 16 English and two Scottish players – was there a benefit to Welsh women's football at that time? Of course there wasn't.

If a similar selection was made this time around, how would that strengthen the development and profile of football in Wales? It wouldn't, and Mr Davies, and shadow sports secretary Russell George, are misguided in their belief that suddenly a huge groundswell of interest would erupt.

What will inspire young girls to take up the game and develop comes from the grassroots, from the profile of the senior women's game in Wales; the Welsh national team have home games coming up against the Republic of Ireland, Israel and Austria in the near future – surely this is a better way to inspire the next generation rather than watching players they have no national connection with compete in Rio.

Similarly, the availability of pitches and accessibility to training and equipment in local areas will all play its part in giving confidence to young women to take part in a sport they enjoy.

Wales' Euro 2016 exploits have lit a fire under the nation regardless of age or gender; this is the example that should be used to inspire, not by selling out our footballing independence on the whims of politicians.

'Social Justice' in action

MORE than 300 disabled athletes travelled to Swindon on Sunday, August 14 to compete in their own 'Olympics'.

The Bob Cook Memorial Games (BCMG), organised by local Lions clubs, were held at the Swindon County ground and hosted disabled athletes from across south Wales, the Midlands and southern England.

The games are an opportunity for disabled people of all ages to show their ability and enjoy a day out.

Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions attended with 10 competitors from the Cowbridge Gateway club, and a group of students of UWC Atlantic College provided help and support on the day.

Sara Kennedy, a second year student of the college, reports: "Atlantic College, a sixth form college in Llantwit Major Wales, brings their 'Social Justice' students to the BCMG that are held in Swindon, every year.

"The social justice faculty BCMG, is a group of students and staff that work with the south Wales community. Our aim, as a faculty, is to work with people and allow a little light into their day through different forms of activity.

"The BCMG this year, was a tremendous day for everyone from those who had spent the year training to take part in the track and field events, as well as on the lawn bowls green, not to mention the games officials and supporters.

"The excitement and determination by the participants created such a wonderful atmosphere for everyone, from the people working in the 'results tent', to the families and friends that were watching the competitors to try to win a medal.

"Although the time flew by, and the day came to a close, everyone left the games with a reward. That being either a medal, or the reward of watching and helping such inspiring and focussed people take part in such a competition."

Good start to the season for Barry's Tynewydd FC

THE 2016/17 Barry & Vale men's football season got under way this past Saturday with weather more akin to late November than mid August, gale force winds and rain aplenty!

Tynewydd FC were beginning their inaugural season in the top flight premier division having been promoted the previous season and faced a young well drilled Penarth Town.

Penarth started the better and were soon creating chances and controlling the majority of the possession with Jodie Shepherd making some crucial saves early on.

Tynewydd always looked dangerous on the counter attack and Chris Marchant was unlucky to see his header glance past the post.

Late in the half Penarth managed to sneak in front when a cross drifted to the back post to find an unmarked winger whose wickedly deflected shot whistled into the net to make it 0-1 at the break.

Tynewydd's promotion season was built on hard work and all-round team commitment which is what they called on after the interval, starting the half on the front foot and taking the game to the visitors.

At the midpoint of the half a Tynewydd corner was cleared to close to the halfway line and picked up by Lewis Union, who cut in from the touchline and unleashed a thunderbolt into the corner from all of 40 yards to make it 1-1.

Tynewydd built on the momentum the equaliser had brought them and within five minutes had taken the lead and made it 2-1.

A pinpoint pass from James Clissett found Lewis Union drifting in behind the Penarth back line, and Union calmly finished, taking the ball around the keeper and curling the ball into the net.

Having taken a lead that their second half performance warranted, Tynewydd's experienced back four and keeper managed to repel the late pressure from Penarth to see the game out to take all three points.

Tynewydd know this will be a tough season but if they show the commitment and work ethic that they displayed in the second half of last season, plus keep a solid squad together they know they can more than hold their own.

Man of the Match unsurprisingly went to Lewis Union for his excellent two goal haul, with notable mentions for fullbacks Lyndon Peterson and Steven Eveleigh who both had solid games stepping into the back four.

Squad: J.Shepherd, L.Peterson, G.Osborne, J.Clissett (c), S.Eveleigh, M.McCarthy, A.Colburn, G.Tinsley, L.Union, Ll.Union, C.Marchant, G.Union.

JC

Tim lands winners

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan was in the winner's enclosure again last week.

At Thursday's Fontwell evening meeting, where Bridgend's Rhys Flint won the handicap chase on Alexandra Dunn's Spring Steel, who was landing a three-timer, Tim saddled his five-year-old Satellite to win the novices' hurdle, who, under Richard Johnson, romped home a 13 lengths winner from Trakeur.

Then at Newton Abbot on Saturday his five-year-old Bleu Et Noir, ridden by Alan Johns, finished two-and-a-half lengths ahead of The Outlaw in the novices' hurdle race.

At Worcester on Wednesday, Debra Hamer's Who Am I, partnered by James King, was a 6-1 winner of the final race of the evening.

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THE ABANDONED GAME - and the knock-on effect for cricket clubs

IT'S a common phenomenon among cricketers that they will consult various weather websites until they find one to their liking.

Last week there wasn't much joy wherever they looked, Saturday was going to be wet, play would be unlikely. Even Derek Brockway could not offer much succor.

The Cowbridge first XI travelled to the most unusual of grounds at Briton Ferry Steel seeking a victory that might have given them a top half placing in Division One of the SWCA.

With little hope of any action the lads hung around until around 3.30pm when the match was abandoned. There was no cricket played in the Division and so Cowbridge will almost certainly finish in sixth position.

The last game of the season will take place on Saturday when Bronwydd visit the Athletic Ground.

What a waste of effort an abandoned game is!

From the end of the game on a Saturday, the club's various office holders look to the following week.

Who's available will occupy the captains' thoughts as Chris Willey and Jon Smart put together their teams.

The president and Tim Williams will discuss the pitch while chairman Hugh Williams will keep contact with all to ensure the time-honoured routine is followed.

As the week progresses the final makeup of the Saturday teams becomes apparent, until someone has to work and cannot play or some such late dropping out occurs.

However, the biggest effort timewise is ground preparation. Tim will need to repair the previous week's pitches, prepare the ones to be used during the week by the junior sides and the T20 XI as well as cut out and prepare a new one for the first XI on Saturday - and that has to be perfect.

Add to these tasks the time-consuming routine of scarifying of the square, cutting of the outfield and strimming the edges.

Finally there is the pitch and boundary marking to be done. Arrive at the Athletic Ground on a Saturday and behold the way the ground is presented. It is a testament to skill and time.

The main problem that gets in the way of this work is lack of time caused by the impact of rain.

The difficulty that bad weather brings is often more difficult to cope with during the early part of the season but to lose a couple of days midweek causes plenty of issues.

When it threatens weekend then it causes even more things to consider.

Do we cancel? Will the opposition want to travel? What about teas? Have we told the bar staff? Have we told the umpires?

By the middle of the afternoon the situation will have resolved itself. The game might have taken place or not but either way there will have been a lot of weather forecasts consulted along the way.

THE last week of the cricket season sees a festival of cricket at Cowbridge Cricket Club.

The finale will include matches for the under-11s against the Dads XI on Bank Holiday Monday, an under-13 fixture on the Tuesday, and a T20 bash against Barry West End on Wednesday, August 31.

On Thursday, September 1 the under-13s will have a match against The Vale and on Friday, it's the turn of the under-9s. This last fixture coincides with the junior presentation evening and barbecue.

It all promises to be great fun as the curtain comes down on what has been a successful season for the club.

JB

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

ALTHOUGH it was reported in last week's GEM that our ladies were the Thursday afternoon champions for the second year running, Mary Thomas, our ladies' fixture secretary, has received a copy of the league table.

It reads, after 14 games played, first Cowbridge 94 points, second Penarth Windsor 92 points.

It also shows that Cowbridge has the best shot difference of anyone else in the league. Again, congratulations ladies.

Only two matches were played in the week.

In a Cowbridge Shield Match, away to Pyle and Kenfig ladies, Cowbridge won on one rink but lost on the other two.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Corrie Bufton, Helena Snelling and Pat Holdsworth 21-13; Shirley Wilkinson, Mary Dowdle, Diane Lloyd and Sylvia Hole 12-15; Lynda Wilson, Janet Morton, Kay Edwards and Joy Woolford 6-17.

For their crucial Saturday league game the men were away to the Roath Park Club Fairoak.

Before the game, Cowbridge were third from bottom with Fairoak two points behind. Beddau were holding up the league.

Talk before the game was that we needed to win on at least two rinks.

It was raining when we left Cowbridge and the weather forecast bad.

During the journey to Roath there was a deluge and we were thinking that there was no way that the match would be played.

We arrived at our destination to find several of the Fairoak team sweeping water off the green.

The decision was made to start later and his we did after special net matting was put in place at bowling ends, and the mat on which we stood for delivery of the bowls was placed at the back of the net matting.

When the bowls were delivered they would roll off the net matting and onto the green. This is only the second time that the writer has seen this used.

Fairoak were keen to play the game because of a back log of fixtures but Cowbridge's problem was that they were not able to adapt to the conditions.

Fairoak did, and took all 14 points available by winning on all four rinks.

Not only did we lose heavily, but it also rained throughout out the match – we had a beating and a soaking.

Rink scores: Mansel Davey, John Jones, Clive Pritchard and Dennis Snelling 13-18; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 9-28; Gerry Lloyd, Michael Bradley, John Trott and Bob Penn 14-30; Ron Frayling, Rob Lewis, Brian Williams and Roger Barwick 16-22. Match score: Cowbridge 52, Fairoak 98.

Next up at home Cowbridge play Beddau – another must-win match!

Also next weekend, the internal triples competition starts.

Preliminaries take place on Thursday, August 25 and the finals on August 28 and 29.

Finally, after a 12-week run, the Friday Social Triples 'Fun Competition' ended last Friday.

We played bowls for while but started with 'Spider' – there were two prize winners Enid Evans (new member) and Ann Miller.

At the party which followed we celebrated John Collins' birthday.

Prize winners for the social triples were Bob Penn and his Pencils – Diane Lloyd, Bryan Madge (new member), Terry Williams and Mary Dowdle.

Also Jean Hunt and her Dynamos - Terry Dunsworth, Lynda Wilson, Mearl Owen Phil Williams (new member) and Ann Miller.

MB

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St Athan FC gets season off to a flying start with battling victory

ST ATHAN FC got their season off to a winning start despite a late Island Marine comeback threatening to spoil the day.

Last season's runners-up had raced into a 3-0 first-half lead but two second -half goals by the away side set up a nervy finish.

Saints started well and found themselves in front quickly.

James Austin's quick throw caught the away defence napping, and Jordan Mortimore shrugged off the defender to race away and finish sublimely.

Island Marine looked to take the game to the home side and forced a corner, where Nicky Cox in goal for Saints claimed the ball with ease.

Cox's distribution found Austin and his diagonal ball put Josh Morgan in on goal and he finished emphatically into the top right-hand corner of the net.

Saints were in command now and looked to further their lead but seemed to take their foot off the gas.

The home side found the spark they needed as Mortimore was onto a flick in midfield; he in turn fed Morgan who cleverly lifted the ball over the keeper and the covering defender on the line – 3-0 with 35 minutes on the clock.

The game looked to be over already but Island Marine wouldn't lay down.

The away side responded with a header wide after a well-worked move and then struck the post after more good football.

Saints went in 3-0 up and in firm control, but then the second half happened and it was as if St Athan dropped into cruise control.

A tame opening 15 minutes of the second period saw Saints switch off mentally, and a fine finish from the away forward pulled one back for Island Marine.

Saints were rattled and Island Marine looked to take advantage of errors by the home side but couldn't quite force Cox into a meaningful save.

With Island Marine looking to push on Saints attempted to hit them on the counter-attack late on to seal the points with Morgan firing wide off Mortimore's flick.

Then a missed clearance saw the away forward snatch a second back with five minutes to go: could the comeback be completed?

Island Marine pushed for the late leveller with St Athan hanging on for the opening day win.

Despite all three points St Athan will know they can perform a lot better and they will have to this week when they visit the impressive Vale United.

St Athan: Cox, Austin, L Lewis, Charles, Drysdale, Ashton, R Lewis, Wilkin, Pugh, Morgan, Mortimore. Substitutes: Young on 55, Laing on 65.

Meanwhile, the second team unfortunately lost 4-1 to Cadoxton Imps, Colin George heading the consolation.

St Athan B: Harry, Morgans, Wolfe, Campbell, Cleave, Rogers, Williams, O'Brien, George, Howells, Morgan. Substitutes: Hughes, Richards, Watson, Pickering.

HD

Gold delight for the Hayes'!

THE Hayes family from Llantwit Major competed in the Welsh 5k Championships at Merthyr Mawr near Bridgend on Saturday evening.

All three received individual medals in the ladies race. Catherine achieved gold in the over-45 category, Erin gold in the under-20 category and Alisha bronze in the under-17 category.

The girls also took the bronze medal in the ladies team competition. All three run locally for Bridgend AC.

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